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## Eggs-aminging her haul

Arreaona Jones, 4, inspects an Easter egg at the holiday celebration at the Camp Red Cloud Commissary parking lot. Jones was one of about 30 kids at the CRC event -- one of several Easter activities held at military installations across the peninsula. For a related story, see Page 16.



DAVID McNALLY

## Army tuition assistance, reimbursement available

Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — Army tuition assistance funding has been restored following a period in February and March when demand exceeded funding available at many installations.

The Army's Human Resources Command has also issued an exception to policy authorizing "after-the-fact" tuition assistance reimbursement for Soldiers who incurred personal expense to continue with college courses.

"This is a one-time exception due to the extraordinary circumstances in February and March when many education centers were unable to provide tuition assistance," said L. Dian Stoskopf, chief of Human Resource Command's Education Division, in a memorandum authorizing installation education centers to offer the exception.

"Our hope is that we can reach every one of the Soldiers who ran into a problem with tuition assistance," said Patricia Dumire, chief of Army Continuing Education Services for the Army's Installation Management Agency.

The Installation Management Agency distributes TA funding from the Army to the installation education centers. This year the Army Budget Office has allocated funding to IMA on a quarterly basis. College enrollment timelines typically peak in September thru March, which doesn't quite fit into the new system of equal quarterly allotments. In the future, funding for tuition assistance will be centralized to eliminate the problem, officials said.

Funding for tuition assistance dried up unexpectedly in March because of exceptionally high Soldier demand, officials said.

The Installation Management Agency has received \$21.4 million to subsidize the immediate tuition assistance shortfall. Soldiers who paid for courses out of pocket or who did not register for a class due to lack of funding should go to their installation education center by April 15 to make arrangements for tuition reimbursement or late enrollment.

(Editor's note: Information provided by IMA Public Affairs.)

## 473rd Quartermaster relocates to CONUS

Cpl. Hwang Kyoo Won

19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs

Soldiers serving in Korea might think they're facing a return to baby wipes and Water Buffalos to fulfill their hygiene needs after the 473rd Quartermaster Company, the peninsula's sole shower support asset, moved to the Continental United States Wednesday.

The good news is that the 305<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company, located at Yongsan, will provide similar assets with civilian contractors, said Capt. Leo Young Jr., commander of 473rd Qm. Co., which is part of the 498th Corps Support Battalion.

The 473rd Qm. Co. was established in 1945 in France and deployed to Korea in August 1993 to Camp Kyle. It has served in Korea until now, said Young.

"Because of the downsizing of U.S. military units in Korea, we are moving back to CONUS," said Young.

While in Korea, Soldiers from the unit supported and interacted with almost every unit on the peninsula.

"We send Soldiers to almost all major exercises: Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration, Ulchi Focus Lens and many other field exercises," said Young.

"We even supported the 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers before they went to Iraq."

The company has a total of six Shower Laundry Clothing Renovation teams, with nine to 12 Soldiers on each team.

"When the SLCR team goes out to a field environment, they set up showers and laundry to make sure all Soldiers get hot showers," said Young.

"We supported various units in Korea, and I think it was a precious experience for the unit here in Korea," said Young. "I would like to support future worldwide deployment missions."

The 473rd Qm. Co. Soldiers whose first duty station was in Korea said

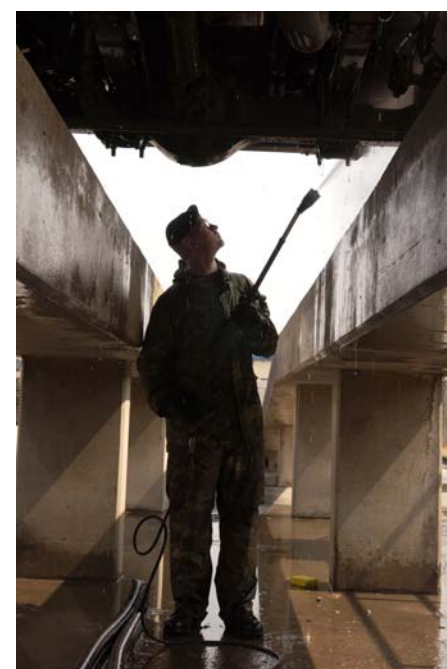
the experience would help them in the future.

"We had combined training with Republic of Korea Army units, which gave me a chance to take a look how their system is different from ours," said Pfc. Casey Lenscke, a laundry textile specialist.

"It was very challenging for me to work in this unit, because we are not very far from the Demilitarized Zone," said Pfc. James Spiller-Rosa, laundry textile specialist. "So we have to stay alert all the time."

"I thought I was going to finish my military service here in Korea, but since we are going back, this experience here in Korea will help me when I go back to the U.S.," said Spiller-Rosa.

Upon arrival in the United States, soldiers of the 473rd Qm. Co., will begin preparation for deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



CAPT. WILLIAM E. THOMPSON

Pvt. Jason Dowd, 19, of Orange Park, Fla., a member of the 473rd Quartermaster Company at Camp Kyle, cleans his truck in preparation for the unit's redeployment to the United States. The unit redeployed Wednesday and will then begin preparation for a deployment to Iraq.



## MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the past several weeks military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

■ Military police were notified of a larceny of Army and Air Force Exchange Service property. Investigation disclosed that a Soldier was observed over closed circuit television placing a CD in a fast food bag and exiting the store without rendering proper payment for the item in his possession. The Soldier was then detained by store security until arrival of the military police. The Soldier was apprehended and transported to the MP station, where he was advised of his legal rights, which he invoked, requesting not to be questioned or say anything. The Soldier was then further processed and released to his unit. All property was returned to AAFES. Investigation continues by MPI.

■ Military Police Investigators revealed two Soldiers were involved in a verbal altercation that turned physical when the first Soldier slapped the other in the face with an open palm. The second Soldier then struck and thrust the first Soldier into a wall. After the incident ended, the first Soldier struck two other Soldiers with an open palm. Due to her intoxicated state, the first Soldier was then taken to a local medical facility for a command-directed blood alcohol test. She was later advised of her legal rights, that she waived, admitting to the above offense. She was further processed and released to her unit. The second Soldier was also advised of his rights, which he invoked, requesting a lawyer. Investigation continues by MPI.

■ Military Police working a post gate checkpoint smelled a strong odor of alcohol emitting from a Soldier entering Post. The MP asked the Soldier to render his ID card, at this time the Soldier became noncompliant and unruly. The MP attempted to detain the Soldier, at which point the Soldier became physical. The Soldier was subdued, detained and transported to the MP station. Due to his level of intoxication he was not advised of his legal rights. The Soldier was transported to a local medical facility for a command-directed blood alcohol test. He later returned to the MP station where he was advised of his legal rights, that he invoked, refusing to write a written, sworn statement.

# Airman learns from struggles of females who came before

By Airman 1st Class Juanika Glover

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE** – Eight months ago, I was a busy California girl preparing myself to make the long journey to Korea. I spent a lot of time at the post office shipping boxes full of things I couldn't bring with me on the airplane. During one of my post office trips, I noticed an elderly woman standing in line smiling at me.

Eventually, she walked up to me and said, "As tiny as you are, they never would have let you in the Air Force back in my day. But I'm glad to see things have improved. Thank you for serving."

I asked if she was in the Air Force once. She had been, but said the military was a lot different when she was on active duty. She told me

about how hard it was for women when she first joined.

She never had any female military leaders to look up to because they were among the first. It was up to her and her fellow female counterparts to set the stage for future generations.

"It was definitely a man's world," she said. "The traditional jobs for women then were as nurses, but I wanted to be a pilot.

Then after I was married and became pregnant, I had to get out. I was very disappointed."

and how lucky I was for having someone like her and the women she served with to go through what they did to serve their country.

The woman at the post office spoke of her time in the service with great pride and such a sense of accomplishment. I listened and thought of all the other women who have paved the way for so many female military members. They broke down barriers and only saw the sky as their limit.

Although my new-found friend was unable to become a pilot, there were women who came after her time who were.

Today, women make up 20 percent of the Air Force and they hold various positions from pilots and doctors to crew chiefs and security forces.

Because of their struggles, I know there aren't many barriers I have to get through because of my gender. They did all the work, and I am more than grateful to those Air Force women who came so many years before me.

As for the lady in the post office – a former Army Air Corp nurse – I thanked her instead. Her gift to me was just being there, opening the doors and serving the country she loved in the only way she could.

*"Because of their struggles, I know there aren't many barriers I have to get through because of my gender. They did all the work, and I am more than grateful to those Air Force women who came so many years before me."*

I thought about everything she said



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## NEWS &amp; NOTES

## NETOPS Training Conference

The 2005 NETOPS Training Conference is scheduled for April 5–8 Seoul, at the Capital Hotel. The theme for this training conference is “Managing Information Technology for the Future Force.” The training conference provides an overview of key Information Management issues and policies that specifically relate to the IM community in the Korean Theater. Changes in the IM area will make this training conference a significant training event for both newly assigned Information Management Officers and experienced IM support providers. This training conference will include IA subject matter the last two days.

The Capital Hotel will host this year’s training conference and all attendees requiring lodging are encouraged to stay at the hotel. The reservation phone numbers at the Capital Hotel are 011-822-792-1122/3322.

Registration for the training conference may be done through area directorates of information management. The POC for this action is Gary J. Gnidziejko, 011-822-7913-4218 or email: gary-gnidziejko@us.army.mil.

## Flu Vaccine Available

Flu vaccine remains available until Thursday. In the beginning of January, the Center for Disease Control expanded the flu program to all Department of Defense Healthcare personnel. Feb. 1, U.S. Forces Korea expanded the program to all eligible beneficiaries on the Korean Peninsula. See local primary care providers or contact area medical treatment facilities to receive the influenza vaccination.

Active-duty servicemembers can also walk in at the 1 RC Medical Readiness Team located at the Yongsan Soldier Support Center, Building S-4034.

## 42A/L Soldiers Sought

A representative from the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army would like to set up an interview date with Soldiers (42A/L) who meet the following qualifications: Spc.-Staff Sgt. (Staff Sgt. no more than 1-year TIG); MOS – 42A/L; Secret clearance with the ability to upgrade to Top Secret; no derogatory information within the Soldiers file; financially stable for a high cost of living area; good customer service demeanor; ASI or E3 (if possible); DEROS within the next 4 months (regardless of assignment instructions).

Additionally, Soldier needs to bring a copy of the following: ERB; DA Form 705; last five NCOERs (ALL NCOs); DA Form 1059 (from any NCOES Schools attended). The representative will be here Tuesday thru April 8.

## Mass Communication Seminar

The Parent Teacher Organization and Army Career Alumni Program are sponsoring an appearance by Emmy Award-winning producer and writer, Steven Smalley at the Seoul American High School Auditorium from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Smalley will discuss careers in mass communications. For information, call 738-7322.

## Survivor’s Story

## Airman tackles adversity, learns life-changing lessons

By Airman 1st Class Juanika Glover

8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KUNSAN AIR BASE** – Everyone has a story. It’s the unique history of each life that sets them apart from all others. A lot of stories are similar: the first day at kindergarten, high school prom, marriage, children, retirement and grandchildren.

Then there are stories that don’t follow the normal paths, yet the people who take these roads still somehow seem to turn out all right.

For Staff Sgt. Michelle Jeffries, 8th Services Squadron assistant community center director, the path that brought her into the Air Force was a bumpy ride at best.

“My parents separated when I was two years old. My young mother couldn’t take care of my three siblings and me, so she abandoned us when I was a toddler.”

Jeffries said her mother left them in a trailer and called child protective services to report the incident.

“She watched by the pay phone as we were taken away,” said Jeffries. “I spent the next five years in and out of foster homes. Then I was adopted at the age of nine and re-united with my siblings.”

Unfortunately, Jeffries was adopted into what she describes as a “dysfunctional” family, which didn’t provide her with the stability she needed.

At 17, she moved out with some friends. At 18, she graduated with honors from Kecoughtan High School in



SR. AIRMAN KATRINA SHELLMAN

Activity Director, Staff Sgt. Michelle Jeffries, 8 Services Squadron, takes a little time to give instruction to a Korean GS worker about the price schedule for traveling on the Wolf Pack Wheels bus at Kunsan Air Force Base.

Hampton, Va., with a science scholarship. After school, she decided to join the Marines.

However, her first military career ended quickly during basic training when she found out her brother committed suicide. Jeffries left the Marines and decided to try again later.

“After my brother’s death, I searched for my father and found out he was stationed at Castle Air Force Base in California,” she said. “He had been searching for us as well and had no idea we had been abandoned. My father and I clicked instantly and bonded. We had so much in common.”

Jeffries spent the next couple of years

working hard but barely made ends meet. She decided to move back to Virginia but shortly thereafter, got involved with the wrong crowd. As young people sometimes do, she followed her peers and got into trouble.

“I thought about my dad and decided to join the military again. I wanted my father to be proud of me and I wanted to show him I could get my life back together,” she said.

This time, she decided she’d check out the Air Force.

“I wanted the stability the military provided because the civilian world

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## USAF cadets perform series of Holy Week concerts across Korea

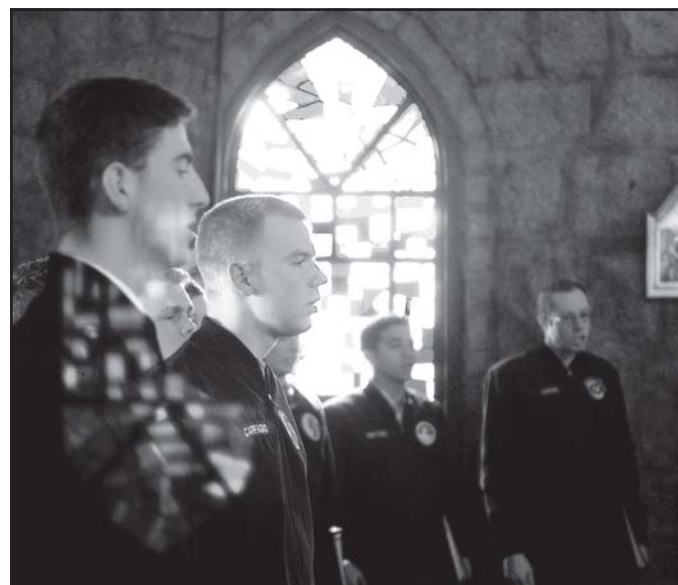
By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — The U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Choir entertained Americans and Koreans during a week of performances March 21-28 across the peninsula.

“We’re here at our own expense,” said Gary De Kler, U.S. Air Force Academy music director. “It is spring break for the cadets, and we decided to come to Korea.”

The choir performed for U.S. servicemembers, families and the Korean people at Osan Air Base, the Busan Cathedral, Yongsan Army Garrison and Camp Red Cloud.



DAVID McNALLY

The U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Choir performs a Maundy Thursday concert March 24 at the Camp Red Cloud Warrior Chapel.

“We will also travel to the field to sing for the troops,” De Kler said.

The group, made up of Catholic volunteers, performed religious music as well as a broad selection of Americana. The group sang African-American spirituals, American folk songs and classical religious music.

“It is Holy Week, so we have performed at both masses and concerts,” De Kler said. “We are very impressed with the Korean people, and we are deeply moved by the Americans serving here.”

The cadets performed a Maundy Thursday concert March 24 at the Camp Red Cloud Warrior Chapel for about 40 Soldiers and civilians.

“It is really a blessing to have them here to lift up and honor God,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Alexander, 2nd Infantry Division chaplain.

De Kler explained how the trip was made possible through the generosity of host families and local chaplains, who opened their homes to the group.

Twenty-two Air Force cadets formed the choir; however, the group also included two U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen on an exchange program to the Air Force Academy.

“Coincidentally, they both have siblings in our choir,” De Kler said.

Before singing at Camp Red Cloud, the group toured the 2nd Infantry Division Museum. De Kler said the choir members recognized that service in Korea is both dangerous and difficult.

“You’re far from home,” he said. “We want you to know we’re with you and appreciate your sacrifice.”

## Survivor

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wasn't cutting it for me or for the goals I wanted to achieve," she added.

Jeffries spent the next few years working at Schriever Air Force Base, Colo., and later transferred to Malmstrom AFB, Mont. But her bright light began to dim when she found out she might have cancer. Jeffries paid numerous visits to the Mount Zion Cancer Research Center before being told everything was going to be okay. The prognosis: She was cancer free.

While working through the stress of the cancer scare, Jeffries was also working in what she calls a 'hostile' work environment.

"That point in my life was the beginning of what became the initial build up of bad things to come. I ended up getting what I thought was a 'career ending' enlisted performance report," she said.

Along with the negative EPR, she also received a nonjudicial punishment in early in 2002.

"You name it, I've received it and it sure educated me," she said. "I was finally convinced that life just wasn't going to be easy for me and I thought my career was over. I took it very hard. I became severely depressed and was started on a medication that did more damage than good."

Things began to turn around for Jeffries when Senior Master Sgt. Darlene Johnson, at that time the 341st Services Squadron superintendent, entered her life.

"When Sgt. Jeffries revealed her background to me, I was so amazed," said Johnson. "Not only by what she had been through growing up, but even more ... by how well she faced her adversities and has become this strong, positive woman."

"I was an emotional wreck, but she saw my potential and took a risk," the staff sergeant said. "She took the time to really listen and helped me find my inner strength through the worst of personal and professional times."

Johnson said that when she first met Jefferies she could tell she was under a lot of stress.

"All she really needed was someone to listen to her and for her to realize she needed to really think things out, before she reacted," Johnson said. "I had the opportunity to place Sgt. Jeffries in positions that would prove to be challenging for her, but I knew she could handle it and she did."

"She's set herself some pretty strong goals, but they were measurable and attainable. I had no doubt that she would reach every one of them," Johnson said.

Through guidance and mentorship, Jeffries began to bounce back. During that time, Johnson selected Jeffries to deploy as part of her team to Pakistan.

During her time in the country, she had the opportunity to set up tours for celebrities like Robin Williams.

"It was truly the highlight of my career," she said. In 2003, she decided to leave the 341st SVS and interviewed with the commander of the 564th Missile Squadron for the position of noncommissioned officer in charge of the squadron's missile chefs.

"I knew I had a shaky past, but I told him, 'Sir, I have nowhere to go but up, as I've already been to the bottom.' So he took a chance and hired me, even with the bad EPR and the fact that I had gone up against two people with 'firewall five' EPRs. I think he saw potential in me," she said.

Jeffries didn't let her commander down. Following her new assignment, she earned NCO of the year for the 564th MS in 2003. She was a nominee for Air Force Space Command's chef of the year award. At Kunsan, she has since won the 8th Services Squadron and 8th Mission Support Group NCO of the quarter awards.

Unfortunately, Jeffries suffered the loss of three family members while she's been at Kunsan. Through it all, she manages to bounce back.

"I'm a survivor," she said. "Some days are harder than others, but every day I'm glad I didn't give up and get out. All the ups and downs in my life have made me a stronger person today. I'm 32 now and there were times I swore I would never see 30."

Because of her experiences, Jeffries says she can relate to her troops and provide them with sound advice for their futures.

"I now know life is all about the choices you make and not the choices other people make for you," she said.

Currently, the bad EPR Jeffries received three years ago is up for review. She hopes it will be removed from her record, but it's something she doesn't dwell on.

She also eventually found her mother and was able to forgive her for abandoning her as a child.

"My life at times has been anything but secure, but being in the military has changed all that. I enjoy having goals again because it keeps me focused," she said.

Jeffries said she often reflects on a favorite quote that she feels suits her and her life. "Don't judge a book by its cover," she said, "because you never know what each chapter holds."

*(Editor's note: In honor of Women's History Month, this is the first story in a two-part series highlighting outstanding female Wolf Pack members who managed to have successful Air Force careers through adversity.)*

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Aviators perform a final overflight of Camp Page Tuesday, as Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment stand in formation at the installation's official closing ceremony.

## Camp Page hosts final farewell

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs

**CAMP PAGE** — The somber notes of retreat played for a final ceremony Tuesday as Army officials closed Camp Page after 54 years of use.

In early January, the order to vacate and close the installation was met with mixed emotions.

"We were sad to leave this community," said Lt. Col. Chandler Sherrell, 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment commander, "but, proud that our mission here has been successfully accomplished."

Camp Page covered 145 acres with 173 buildings, 1,067 servicemembers and civilians in 15 tenant units.

"All were vacated safely and efficiently within 78 days," Sherrell said.

The Korean employees of the base faced the biggest challenge.

"About 90 percent of the Camp Page Korean workforce has found employment elsewhere," said Yi Un-sang, Camp Page Korean Labor Union president. "But, they have had to move far from home, and face challenges integrating into a new job."

"We think it is a success story that these employees stayed with U.S.

Forces Korea," said William Kapaku, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud deputy to the commander. "We have a lot invested in them."

In 1951, 8th U.S. Army engineers prepared the runway in a burned out section of a newly recaptured town, at what would become Camp Page.

"Three months later, the first aircraft touched down on an asphalt runway delivering supplies to the city and the Soldiers," Sherrell explained.

Nobody envisioned that 54 years later, U.S. forces would still be stationed in Chuncheon, he said.

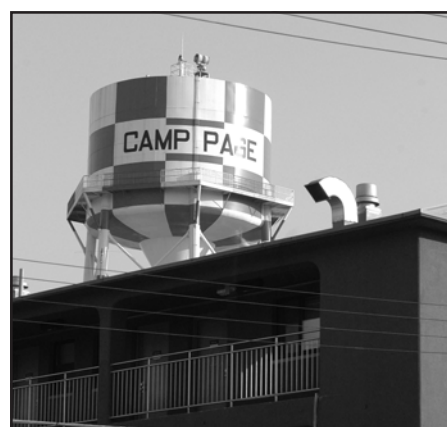
Sherrell said in remembering the moment, it represents all that is right with the Korean-American alliance.

"We are thankful to the Korean people for allowing us to have served here," he said.

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Warriors lower the Korean and U.S. flags at a final retreat at Camp Page.



Camp Page officially closes after 54 years of use.



Maj. Gen. George A. Higgins, 2nd Infantry Division commanding general, oversees the largest force transformation on the peninsula.



Soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Aviation Regiment, Camp Page's major tenant unit, salute Tuesday at the closing ceremony.

## Ordnance unit makes move

Area I Public Affairs

**CAMP CASTLE** — Soldiers from a storied combat unit found a new home March 4 at Camp Castle.

Ongoing realignments in Warrior Country caused the 65th Ordnance Ammunition Company, a longtime Camp Page tenant unit, to move.

"This company maintains accountability and ensures serviceability of more than 41,000 tons of ammunition stored at 50 locations in northeastern Korea," said Capt. Mike Morrison, 65th Ordnance Company commander.

Morrison said his Soldiers work closely with the Republic of Korea Army.

"All ammunition is stored on ROKA installations," Morrison said. "We are ambassadors every day when we interact with the Republic of Korea Army."

Morrison said the Camp Castle move was a huge challenge.

"During the move we maintained our mission and transferred \$4 million of equipment to Camp Castle," he explained.

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## NEWS & NOTES

### 9-Ball Pool Championship

Warrior Division 9-Ball Pool Championship will be held from noon – 2 p.m. Saturday at the Camp Stanley Community Activity Center.

### Fashion Show

Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers is hosting a casual and sportswear, business attire, and evening formal fashion show April 30 at the Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center. Registration is from 10 a.m. – noon Saturday at the CAC.

### VFW Monthly Meeting

Veteran's of Foreign War Post 10215 holds meetings at 1 p.m. each second Saturday of the month outside the Camp Red Cloud main gate. The April 9 meeting will be to hold the post leadership elections for 2005-2006.

### Civilian EEO-POSH Training

Camp Casey will host an equal employment opportunity and prevention of sexual harrassment class 8-10 a.m. for nonsupervisors and 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. for supervisors April 21 at the Second to None Club.

### Talent Show and Dance

Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers is hosting a Talent Show from 6 to 9 p.m. April 23 at Camp Stanley's Reggie's and an all-nighter dance from 9 p.m. – 2 a.m.

### Volunteer Ceremony

The quarterly Volunteer Awards Ceremony will be held 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. May 17 at Camp Red Cloud Mitchell's Club. For information, call 732-7277.

### Leadership Course

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is offering the Leadership Education and Development Course May 23-27. The class will be in the Camp Casey Education Center. For information, call 732-9060.

### Hot Stuff Pizza Delivers

Camp Red Cloud's Hot Stuff Pizza, located inside the CRC Lanes Bowling Center, now provides food delivery services to camps Red Cloud and Jackson. For orders, call 732-6458 or 732-9008 between 11:30 a.m. and 10 p.m.

### Vocalists Needed

The 2nd Infantry Division Band is seeking male and female vocalists. Applicants must be a private first class, have six months left in country, present a professional appearance and comply with army height and weight standards. For information, call 732-6695.

### Career Symposium

The 2nd Infantry Division is hosting a Career Symposium 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 27 at Camp Casey's Carey Fitness Center. Representatives will provide information on their prospective areas. The Army's legal and medical programs will also have representatives present.

# Internet Café connects with Soldiers

By David McNally

Area I Public Affairs

**CAMP HOVEY** — Hundreds of Camp Hovey Soldiers connect to the world through a popular on-post Internet café.

"They like talking to their families and friends in a comfortable place," said Herbert Pleasant, Camp Hovey Chairman Hobson Community Activity Center manager.

The services are similar to those offered at many other Morale, Welfare and Recreation centers across Korea.

"I believe we are unique because we save minutes," Pleasant said.

The Camp Hovey Internet Café offers

30 minutes of access for \$1. If the Soldier only uses 5 minutes, Pleasant said 25 minutes are credited to him for later use.

"The Soldiers like that," Pleasant said. "A lot of times they'll come in to send a quick e-mail and come back later to use the rest of their time."

Pleasant said they have 629 registered users of 17 computer workstations.

The money earned from the Internet café is invested back into the Camp Hovey community, Pleasant explained.

*"One of my joys is seeing a Soldier connect with his family."*

—Herbert Pleasant

"We fund things like barbecues and other community events," he said.

The café offers a fast E1 connection to the Web through a civilian Internet service provider.

Camp Hovey barracks have Internet access; however, many Soldiers do not

own a personal computer or choose to ship one to Korea.

"We also feature webcams and headphones for the Soldiers," Pleasant said. "One of the joys I have is seeing a Soldier connect with his family."

The workstations have a standard Microsoft Office installation.

"We try to upgrade every six months," Pleasant said. "I'm really pleased with our setup, but I would like to add a few more computer workstations in the future."

The Camp Hovey CAC opened in December 2000. The facility also food and entertainment at the Borderline Café.

The Internet café is open from noon-10 p.m. daily.

Pleasant said Soldiers have many options to access the Internet.

"Soldiers could go to the library or their unit's AKO lab to access the Web," Pleasant said. "But, I believe many Soldiers choose us because we offer a comfortable place at a good price."



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Chong Sang-sop, Camp Hovey Chairman Hobson Community Activity Center staff member, controls access to 17 Internet workstations from his desk.

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## Division stresses motor pool safety

By Pfc. Giancarlo Casem

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — Soldiers say small cuts and bruises are common injuries in the motor pool.

Though turning wrenches may seem mundane, they account for a vast majority of injuries to Soldiers' hands, said Pvt. Jose Gonzalez, 4th Chemical Company.

"I see people smashing their fingers a lot," he said. "The wrench could just fall out of place and cut or smash someone's fingers."

He said that this could be attributed to Soldiers' negligence of their surroundings.

"We work in really tight spaces," he said. "We have to be aware of what is around our hands and what we are working on."

To Gonzalez safety is important because it keeps the mission going, he said.

"You want to stay in one piece," Gonzalez said. "Safety keeps everybody safe and keeps things going. If everyone got hurt, you have no one to do things."

Negligence can factor into many unsafe acts in the motor pool, he said.

"Soldiers can take safety for granted, especially on their own vehicles," Gonzalez said. "They think they know their vehicle, but they don't."

He said that Soldiers some times take

risks like stepping on unsafe places on their vehicle, which can cause them to slip and fall -- a mistake Gonzelez admits to doing himself.

Sometimes Soldiers are under pressure to get the job done, at the risk of cutting corners, said Staff Sgt. David Paulino, 4th Chem. Co., maintenance platoon, motor sergeant.

"Sometimes they are working too hard, too fast," he said. "They think about accomplishing the mission in a short amount of time, not to standard."

Taking short cuts can also be dangerous, Paulino said.

"Sometimes, they use the wrong tools for the job," he said. "They use the wrong size socket wrench because they don't want to take the time to look for the right tool and they end up busting their hands."

Paulino said that as a noncommissioned officer, he has to be responsible for his Soldiers' safety.

"I want to send them home safe and sound," Paulino said. "I want them to go home just like they got here, in one piece."

Soldiers should take their time to get the job done properly and safely, said Spc. Matthew Clark, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division.

Clark has had his share of injuries

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## Warriors honor women

Area I Public Affairs

**CAMP RED CLOUD** — About 100 Soldiers and civilians gathered March 22 to celebrate National Women's History Month at Mitchell's Club.

"I hope people leave here understanding the contributions of women to American history," said Sgt. 1st Class Sherinette Haynes, 2nd Infantry Division equal opportunity advisor.

Officials pointed out that the U.S. Army welcomed women to its ranks not as a social experiment, but to meet its mission.

"We have to advance the cause of integration of our Army as a team, whether it is ethnic or gender," said Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Martz, 2nd Infantry Division assistant division commander for maneuver.

Marilyn Higgins, the 2nd Infantry Division commanding general's spouse, told the group about women of distinction.

"When I see a woman in uniform, I have the utmost respect," Higgins said. "Although you might not make the history books or CNN, you make a difference."

Haynes said the 2005 theme for the month was "Women change America."



# Warrior Readiness Center welcomes newcomers

By Pfc. Giancarlo Casem

2nd Infantry Division Public Affairs

**CAMP MOBILE** — The Warrior Replacement Center received a name change recently to mirror its mission. Now dubbed the Warrior Readiness Center, officials said the facility now is better prepared to properly welcome Soldiers to Korea.

As part of the new integration approach, the 2nd Infantry Division decided in favor of a five-day in-processing program, rather than the old three-day orientation.

"In the last two months, we have made significant improvements," said Brig. Gen. Charles Anderson, 2nd Infantry Division assistant division commander for support.

Soldiers are introduced to the culture of their host nation, Anderson said. Soldiers learn basic Korean phrases and history.

"We educate our Soldiers with the culture of our kind hosts, the Korean people," Anderson said. "This re-enforces the alliance created 50 years ago."

Anderson said the program reflects the 2nd Infantry Division's investment in Soldiers.

"When a Soldier departs the division," he said. "We want them to leave better developed personally and professionally."

As part of the orientation, 53 Soldiers participated in a tour of the Gyeonggi province March 9. People-to-People International and the Association of the United States Army sponsored the tour.

The first stop of the day was a



PFC. GIANCARLO CASEM

A new 2nd Infantry Division Soldier receives a bowl of fried rice from a Korean chef March 9 as part of the Warrior Readiness Center's cultural orientation tour.

Korean family buffet restaurant.

For almost all of the Soldiers, this was their first time having Korean food.

"It was really good," said Pfc. Chris Vega, 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor Regiment. "I really liked it, it was pretty filling."

The tour continued at the Gyeonggi Provincial Government Office Complex in Uijeongbu. The Soldiers received a brief glimpse of what fuels the economy of the province where they will soon reside.

Soldiers said they were amazed at the fact that Gyeonggi province is an industry giant in semiconductors and other technologies.

The next stop was a large Korean department store, also in Uijeongbu.

The Soldiers saw the kinds of wares and goods offered on the Korean economy.

After the brief shopping interlude, the tour headed to its next destination, the Unification Observatory, two hours away in Paju.

The tour guides, Soldiers from the 2nd Infantry Division civil affairs section, gave brief descriptions of the observatory.

The observatory was originally opened in 1992 and has already attracted more than 14 million visitors. The Republic of Korea built the facility to highlight the division between the two Koreas.

Observatory officials said more than 8 million South Koreans still have homes in the north.

**"It's good they are not just rushing someone in."**

—Sgt. 1st Class Robert Brilliant

## Shoppers seek pottery on USO tour



CAPT. STACY PICARD

Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Mitchell, (left) 2nd Lt. Alice Garcia and Amanda Rolsen shop at a pottery store March 20 during a Camp Casey USO tour.

By Capt. Stacy Picard

Detachment A, 509th Personnel Services Battalion

**ICHEON** — The Camp Casey USO sponsored a ceramics shopping trip March 20 for 19 Soldiers, civilians and family members from Warrior Country.

"The hardest part was getting people to sign up," said Amanda Rolsen, Camp Casey American Red Cross. "After sending an e-mail out to friends and coworkers, there were enough people to attend."

Rolsen requested that the USO organize the tour.

The first stop was the Sagimak-gol Ceramic Village in Icheon. Vendors offered a variety of ceramic products, including vases, tea sets and dishes.

In one of the stores, group members watched pottery being molded by hand.

A gentleman carved symbols into a vase before firing it in a kiln. Korean symbols and animals are a common part of ceramic artistic display.

"It was a great introduction

into the Korean culture, being that it's my first week here," said 2nd Lt. Alice Garcia, Detachment A, 509th Personnel Services Battalion.

After a traditional Korean lunch at a local restaurant, the group shopped and explored the area.

"I bought a tea set and coffee cup," said Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Mitchell, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey. "It's a chance to hang out with friends away from Camp Casey."

"I love to shop," Karyn Kuniyuki, Creative Cuts framer, said. "It was an easy opportunity to get out and see a new part of Korea."

Kuniyuki said she would like to take a trip to a seaside village or see the cherry blossom festival next.

For information about trips and tours, contact the Camp Casey USO at 730-4812.

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Besides the 11 U.S. and two Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers, the unit has 18 Korean civilian employees.

“Most of our employees came with us from Chuncheon,” Morrison said. “Many of them have been with the 65th for more than 20 years. They are very loyal.”

The move to the Camp Casey Enclave increased Soldier quality of life.

“We’re going to miss Camp Page, but the move has made my Soldiers happy,” Morrison said.

He cited the Post Exchange and commissary as reasons his Soldiers are pleased with the move.

“However, my Soldiers spend much more time on the road now,” he said. “We are still responsible for the same ammunition sites in the Eastern Corridor.”

Morrison said the ammunition his company oversees is the “go-to-war ammo.”

“If we don’t do our jobs, it affects the wartime missions of the U.S. and ROK Armies,” Morrison said.

The Army formed the 65th Ordnance Co. in 1933. During World War II, the 65th served in Algeria, Tunisia, Naples and Rome.

After a brief inactivation, the Army activated the 65th Ordnance Ammunition Company at Fort Bragg, N.C. in 1946.

The unit later transferred to Fort Knox, Ky., where it remained until their deployment to Korea.

The Soldiers of the 65th were among the historic Incheon invasion force in 1950, and played a pivotal role in providing ammunition to U.S. Marines.

The unit was inactivated in 1955, and activated again the following year for participation in the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project.

In 1961, it was reorganized and assigned to the U.S. Army Pacific, where it remained until 1968 when it was again inactivated.

Finally, the unit was activated in 1992 at Camp Page.

The company is one of seven subordinate units of the 6th Ordnance Battalion at Camp Carroll.

Morrison said the most rewarding part of his job is the relationships he builds with ROKA soldiers.

“We interact with them daily,” he said. “When we go to war, we go together.”

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on the job, such as a broken hand and smaller injuries like bruised and cut knuckles.

“Personally, do not lift heavy objects by yourself,” he said. “When you lift heavy objects, always make sure you have a battle buddy there with you.”

Clark also said that safety considerations should be put ahead of finishing the mission haphazardly.

“Don’t be in such a hurry,” he said. “You should just take your time.”

Safety is important because of the personnel and equipment costs, Clark said. “It’s important because personnel could get hurt and equipment could get damaged,” he said.

There are many steps that can be taken to alleviate the risk factors.

Factors such as proper training on tools and equipment, as well as proper training on safety equipment, should be taken into account.

“Section leaders need to make sure personnel know what can happen,” Clark said. “Leaders need to teach Soldiers what every piece of equipment is on the safety board.”

Proper Soldier conduct is paramount in the motor pool, Clark said.

“There are a lot of things that are not safe in the motor pool,” he said. “You just have to take care of yourself and not mess around. Conduct needs to be professional and mature otherwise Soldiers will get hurt.”

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Spc. Matthew Clark, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Infantry Division, checks for mechanical defects and leaks on a 5-ton truck.

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## Spirit Warrior 2005 coming to Yongsan

By Alex Harrington

Area II Public Affairs



**YONGSAN** — “A Warrior’s Truth” is the theme for this year’s Spirit Warrior Conference, co-hosted by Korea Installation Management

Staff Chaplain and Area II Men of the Morning Calm April 29-30. The event will be held at the South Post Chapel.

The Conference is an opportunity for men on the Korean peninsula to fellowship with one another, be encouraged in their Christian walk and be challenged to “fight the good fight of faith.” Each man will have the opportunity to be strengthened in their walk as a leader, husband, father, brother and friend.

This year’s Spirit Warrior Conference features dynamic guest speakers from the United States and across the peninsula.

Refreshments will be provided during breaks throughout the conference and a light meal is prepared for the first evening. All three meals including a buffet lunch will be provided for the second day.

Suggested donation is \$10 for registration fee. Three meals will be provided at no charge. Free lodging at Dragon Hill Lodge will be provided April 29 for the first 200 men who register from Areas I, III and IV.

The workshops will be taught by leaders with first-hand knowledge and experience. This is a great opportunity for pastors, church staff, leaders, those working in ministries and anyone wanting to learn about excellence in ministry to come and learn from these experienced personnel.

A luncheon will be held for conference attendees at South Post Chapel. This will present an opportunity to learn, share and fellowship.

Workshop sessions and services will be held at South Post Chapel, across the street from Dragon Hill Lodge.

For information about registration, contact Dave Horn at 723-3548 or by e-mail at Dave.Horn@korea.army.mil. For information on lodging availability and reservations, call Alan Arthur at 723-8869 or send e-mail questions to ArthurA@korea.army.mil.

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## Signal Soldiers rise to challenge of real-world mission on Hill 448

By Alex Harrington

Area II Public Affairs

**YONGSAN** — While other headquarter commands and tenant units simulate scenarios concerning what might happen if North Korea attacked the Republic of Korea, signal Soldiers on top of Hill 448 deployed almost two weeks before the exercise began, to provide real-world mission support during Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration, 2005.

There was a true sense of ‘esprit de corps’ among these signalers from Bravo Company, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, as they finished eating their morning breakfast, huddled around the potbelly stove situated at the far end of the mess tent, joking and bantering with each other before they headed out on to the snow covered site to conduct their daily mission.

“We have been up here on this hill since March 8,” said Platoon Leader, 1st. Lt. Jason Shin, a 27-year-old from



PHOTOS BY PFC. SEO KI-CHUL

Spc. Justin Bates, a wire system installer with Bravo Company, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, checks the identification of an incoming driver to Hill 448 during Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration 2005, a peninsula-wide exercise.

Orange County, Calif. “We had to deploy early to make sure we were good-to-go to provide tactical communications to the warfighter before the kickoff of Foal Eagle and Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration.”

Their mission was to deploy and set up on top of Hill 448 and safely install, operate and maintain tactical command control, communications, computers and intelligence information systems.

The 14 signal Soldiers took their job seriously and were very proud of the fact that no unit in their respective area of responsibility can communicate, via voice and data, without them.

“Most of my Soldiers here enjoy the training,” said Shin, who is also a graduate from Cornell University. “They feel proud for being out here in the field and knowing that their mission is real ... providing real communications, conducting real concurrent training and experiencing the real elements out here in the

environment.”

However, being deployed in the field has its downside said Spc. Joseph Gerbine Jr.

“I can’t speak on behalf of my fellow Soldiers, but being out here in the field makes it difficult to communicate with my wife and five daughters back in the states,” said the 32-year-old from Beebe, Ark. “Hygiene is hell out here also. “Especially when I have to shave in cold water and the razor seems to pluck my beard instead of cutting.”

Gerbine also indicated that being in the field limits a person’s “personal time.”

“I enjoy training with these guys ... we all get along well, but I miss having time alone to read and just chill out. In the field we are around each other 24/7.”

While there are negative aspects of being in the field, Gerbine said that he loved “this Soldiering stuff.”

“I love the field and doing what a

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Pfc. Brian Buchanan, right, and Pfc. Kim Hak-su, a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army soldier, both of 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, inspect the cable lines to tactical antennas during RSO&I 2005.

## Upcoming Lieutenant Colonel, Chief Warrant Officer promotion boards



### Lieutenant Colonel Promotion Board

Attention Majors: Fiscal Year 2005 Lieutenant Colonel Operations, Operational Support, Information Operations and Institutional Support promotion boards will convene April 12.

All U.S. Army majors with a date-of-rank prior to July 1, 1999, will compete above the promotion zone while others with a date-of-rank from July 2, 1999 to June 1, 2000, will compete in the promotion zone. U.S. Army majors with a date-of-rank between June 2, 2000, and June 1, 2001, will compete below the promotion zone. All mandatory or optional officer evaluation records must

be submitted by April 5. For information, call 8th PERSCOM at 724-7916. Questions may be e-mailed to Letrice.stockard@korea.army.mil.

### Chief Warrant Officer Promotion Board

The Chief Warrant Officer Selection Board will convene May 3, 2005, to consider eligible warrant officers for CW3, CW4 and CW5 promotion.

Warrant officers eligible for consideration should review their official military personnel files prior to the board.

For information, contact 8th PERSCOM at 724-7916. E-mail inquiries may be sent to the following address: Letrice.stockard@korea.army.mil.



New Bus Schedule

Post Shuttle / Bus Schedule (Yongsan Bus Terminal)

Monday - Friday	6 a.m.	6:30 a.m.	7 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
	8 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
	10 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	11 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
	12 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	1 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
	2 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	3 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
	4 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	5 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
	6 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
Weekend / Holiday	9 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
	11 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	12 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
	1 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.
	4 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	6 p.m.	7 p.m.

Yongsan - Incheon Airport

LV.	Dragon Hill	6:30 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	1 p.m.	10 p.m.
AR.	Inchon AP (DEP #5)	7:29 a.m.	8:49 a.m.	1:59 p.m.	10:59 p.m.
	(DEP #11)	7:30 a.m.	8:50 a.m.	2 p.m.	11 p.m.
LV.	Inchon AP (ARR #1)	7:40 a.m.	9 a.m.	2:10 p.m.	11:30 p.m.
	(ARR #14)	7:42 a.m.	9:02 a.m.	2:12 p.m	11:35 p.m.
	Dragon Hill	8:50 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	0:35 a.m.
AR.	Yongsan Bus Terminal	9 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	3:20 p.m.	0:45 a.m.

By AR 58-1, priority on military shuttle buses is as follows :

1. Personnel on official business (TDY or PCS with / without dependents)
2. Off-duty military personnel or DOD civilian employees
3. Reserve or National Guard members
4. Dependents of active duty personnel
5. Retirees

Yongsan - Hannam Village

Depart : Hannam	5:30 a.m.	7 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	1 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	4 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Gate #17 (Stop Pt #4)	5:45 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	10:15a.m.	11:45 a.m.	1:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	4:15 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
121st Hospital 5:48	7:18 a.m.	8:48 a.m.	10:18 a.m.	11:48a.m.	1:18 p.m.	2:48 p.m.	4:18 p.m.	5:48 p.m.	7:18 p.m.	
Collier Field H. 5:50	7:20 a.m.	8:50 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	11:50a.m.	1:20 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	4:20 p.m.	5:50 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	
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Commissary	5:53 a.m.	7:23 a.m.	8:53 a.m.	10:23 a.m.	11:53 a.m.	1:23 p.m.	2:53 p.m.	4:23 p.m.	5:53 p.m.	7:23 p.m.
Gate #52	5:54 a.m.	7:24 a.m.	8:54 a.m.	10:24 a.m.	11:54 a.m.	1:24 p.m.	2:54 p.m.	4:24 p.m.	5:54 p.m.	7:24 p.m.
Youth Center	5:55 a.m.	7:25 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	1:25 p.m.	2:55 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	5:55 p.m.	7:25 p.m.
DHL T-4059	5:56 a.m.	7:26 a.m.	8:56 a.m.	10:26 a.m.	11:56 a.m.	1:26 p.m.	2:56 p.m.	4:26 p.m.	5:56 p.m.	7:26 p.m.
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SAHS (High School)	6:05 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	1:35 p.m	3:05 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	7:35 p.m.
Youth Center	6:06 a.m.	7:36 a.m.	9:06 a.m.	10:36 a.m.	12:06 p.m.	1:36 p.m.	3:06 p.m.	4:36 p.m.	6:06 p.m.	7:36 p.m.
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121st Hospital 6:08	7:38 a.m.	9:08 a.m.	10:38 a.m.	12:08 a.m.	1:38 p.m.	3:08 p.m.	4:38 p.m.	6:08 p.m.	7:38 p.m.	
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New CDS Center	6:10 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	9:10 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	7:40 p.m.
Commissary	6:12 a.m.	7:42 a.m.	9:12 a.m.	10:42 a.m.	12:12 p.m.	1:42 p.m.	3:12 p.m.	4:42 p.m.	6:12 p.m.	7:42 p.m.
Gate #52	6:15 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	6:15 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
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Weekdays

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	Bus Stop T3666	5:34 a.m.	8:34 a.m.	9:54 a.m.	11:14 a.m.	3:34 p.m.	5:14 p.m.	7:04 p.m.
	Commisky's	5:36 a.m.	8:36 a.m.	9:56 a.m.	11:16 a.m.	3:36 p.m.	5:16 p.m.	7:06 p.m.
	SP #51	5:38 a.m.	8:38 a.m.	9:58 a.m.	11:18 a.m.	3:38 p.m.	5:18 p.m.	7:08 p.m.
	Hannam Village	5:50 a.m.	8:50 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	3:50 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	7:20 p.m.
AR.	K-16	6:35 a.m.	9:35 a.m.	11 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	4:40 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	8:10 p.m.

LV.	K-16	6:45 a.m.	10 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	5:10 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
	Hannam Village	7:20 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	6 p.m.	7:55 p.m.	9:10 p.m.
	SP #51	7:37 a.m.	10:52 a.m.	12:12 p.m.	1:22 p.m.	6:18 p.m.	8:12 p.m.	9:12 p.m.
	North Emb Hsg	7:39 a.m.	10:54 a.m.	12:14 p.m.	1:24 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	8:14 p.m.	9:24 p.m.
	Bus Stop T4212	7:41 a.m.	10:56 a.m.	12:16 p.m.	1:26 p.m.	6:22 p.m.	8:16 p.m.	9:26 p.m.
	Bus Stop T4059	7:42 a.m.	10:57 a.m.	12:17 p.m.	1:27 p.m.	6:23 p.m.	8:17 p.m.	9:27 p.m.
AR.	Bus Terminal	7:45 a.m.	11 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	6:25 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	9:30 p.m.

Weekends

LV.	Bus Terminal	7:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	3 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	8 p.m.	10:30 p.m.
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	Hannam Village	7:50 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	3:20 p.m.	5:50 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	10:50 p.m.
AR.	K-16	8:30 a.m.	11 a.m.	1:40 p.m.	4 p.m.	6:40 p.m.	9 p.m.	11:30 p.m.

LV.	K-16	8:40 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	9:10 p.m.
	SP #51	9:20 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	2:40 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	7:20 p.m.	9:50 p.m.
	Bus Stop T4212	9:22 a.m.	11:52 a.m.	2:42 p.m.	4:52 p.m.	7:22 p.m.	9:52 p.m.
AR.	Bus Terminal	9:25 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	4:55 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	9:55 p.m.

Yongsan - Camp Colbern

Weekdays

LV.	Yongsan Bus Terminal	5:15 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	1 p.m.	6 p.m.	9:45 p.m.
	BLDG #4210	5:18 a.m.	9:33 a.m.	1:03 p.m.	6:03 p.m.	9:48 p.m.
	SP #51 5:23	9:38 a.m.	1:08 p.m.	6:08 p.m.	9:53 p.m.	
	Hannam Village	5:31 a.m.	-	-	-	-
AR.	Cp Colbern	6:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	2 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	10:50 p.m.

LV.	Cp Colbern	7 a.m.	11 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	7:40 p.m.	11 p.m.
	Hannam Village					
	SP #51	8 a.m.	11:52 a.m.	3:22 p.m.	8:47 p.m.	11:57 p.m.
	BLDG #4210	8:05 a.m.	11:57 a.m.	3:27 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	0:02 a.m.
AR.	Yongsan Bus Terminal	8:10 a.m.	12 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	8:55 p.m.	0:05 a.m.

Weekends

LV.	Yongsan Bus Terminal	9:40 a.m.	4 p.m.	10 p.m.
	BLDG #4210	9:43 a.m.	4:03 p.m.	10:03 p.m.
	SP #51	9:48 a.m.	4:08 p.m.	10:08 p.m.
AR.	Cp Colbern	10:55 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	11:05 p.m.

LV.	Cp Colbern	11 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	11:10 p.m.
	SP #51	12:02 p.m.	6:42 p.m.	0:02 a.m.
	BLDG #4210	12:07 p.m.	6:47 p.m.	0:07 a.m.
AR.	Yongsan Bus Terminal	12:10 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	0:10 a.m.

Cp Market - Yongsan

Weekday : Unit operates van shuttle

LV.	Cp Market	8 a.m.	1:10 p.m.
AR.	Bus Terminal	10 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
LV.	Bus Terminal	10:10 a.m.	3:10 p.m.
AR.	Cp Market	12 p.m.	4:45 p.m.

(Times are subject to traffic conditions)

Weekends : No schedules  
(Suspended until further notice)

Yongsan - Yongin

Location		Saturday	Sunday
Moyer	Departure	9 a.m.	9 a.m.
Gate 52	Departure	9:10 a.m.	9:10 a.m.
HHD 'S-10' Arrival		10:10 a.m.	
HHD 'S-10' Departure		10:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Gate 52	Departure	11:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Moyer	Arrival	11:25 a.m.	
Moyer	Departure	4 p.m.	4 p.m.
Gate 52	Departure	4:15 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
HHD 'S-10' Arrival		5:05 p.m.	
HHD 'S-10' Departure		5:10 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
Gate 52	Departure	6:10 p.m.	6:10 p.m.
Moyer	Arrival	6:20 p.m.	



Soldier does, which is to train and take care of your Soldiers,” he said, adding, “and it takes me away from the mundane stuff of everyday life.”

Each day the Soldiers on Hill 448 performed a variety of tasks, from preparing breakfast, to site beautification, to performing preventive maintenance checks and services on their tactical vehicles and other equipment.

“Every morning we perform a safety and maintenance assistance checklist to make sure we meet basic safety standards of the brigade,” said 30-year-old Sgt. Thomas Lopez, Yuma, Ariz. “We do this to ensure that all equipment is running properly and to identify possible faults.”

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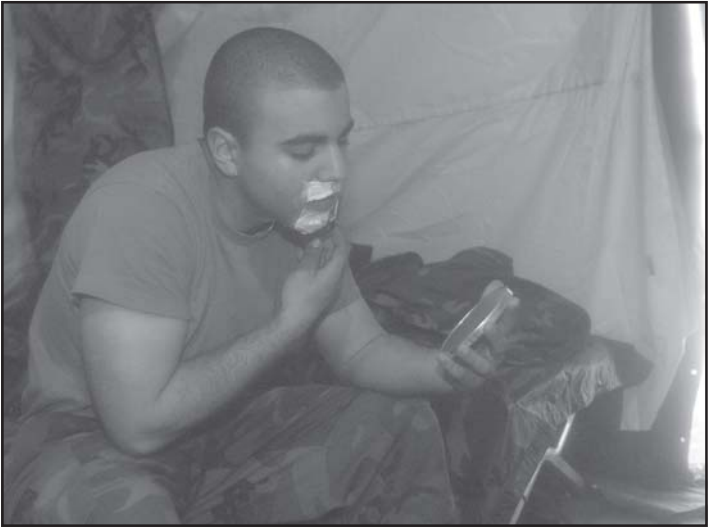
Sgt. Thomas Lopez, a radio system operator and maintainer with Bravo Company, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, covers communications equipment with a vinyl covering to protect against the winter weather on Hill 448.



Above : 1st Lt. Jason Shin, Bravo Company, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, sweeps snow from the entrance of the mess tent on Hill 448, during Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration 2005.



At left: Sgt. Thomas Lopez, Bravo Company, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, performs a daily preventive maintenance check on a TRC-173 Radio van during Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration 2005.



At left: Pfc. Alexander Beyley, radio operator/ maintainer with Bravo Company, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, shaves early in the morning before he begins his upcoming shift during Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration 2005.

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## Community Events, Classes and Meetings

### Get the NCOA Scholarship

The Non-Commissioned Officers Association offers scholarships to DoDDs high school students who are family members of a U.S. military enlisted servicemember or a member of the NCOA or Dragon Hill Chapter. Those who have not received a large scholarship from another source are eligible to apply for the scholarship. The deadline is today. For information, call 723-8058.

### A Walk for Fallen Heroes

A 7 km walk or run around Yongsan will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday. This event is sponsored by the Renaissance Program of Seoul American High School for special scholarship fund raising. For information, e-mail Walkathon42@hotmail.com.

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### “Voice of the ROK” Chapter Golf Tournament

Signal Corps Regimental Association “Voice of the ROK” Chapter Golf Tournament will be held 1 p.m. Monday at Sungnam Golf Course. For information, call 724-4803.

### Best Ball Golf Tournament

304th Signal Battalion will hold ‘Best Ball Golf Tournament’ 1 p.m. April 25 at Sungnam Golf Course. For information, call 722-4458.

### Area II Intramural Softball League

Area II Intramural softball league will start April 30. Those who want to participate in the program are asked to register by April 18 at Yongsan Sports Center. For information, call 736-4032/7746.

### Girl Scouts Looking for an Volunteer

Girl Scouts of Korea is seeking an international volunteer staff to teach English for “English Village” which will be held at Mt. Deokyu Campsite in Korea. For information, call 397-4224 or e-mail seoulclo@state.gov

### Movies and Opera

#### Geuddae Geusaramdeul

The movie, ‘Geuddae Geusaramdeul’ about the historical event of President Park Jung Hee’s assassination, will be screened with English subtitles through April 14 in

Joongang Cinema. For information, call 776-9024.

### Magic Flute of Mozart

The Opera ‘Magic Flute of Mozart’ will be held at 7:30 p.m. today - Wednesday in Opera Theater at Seoul Arts Center. For information, call at 3476-6224.

### Exhibitions and Festivals

#### Woodprint Exhibition

Modern Woodprints from Korea, China and Japan will be displayed Sunday at the Ilmin Museum of Art. Special side exhibits of “Korea’s Old Woodprints” from the Goryeo Dynasty and the Joseon Dynasty are also on display. For information, call 2020-2055 or log on to <http://www.ilmin.org>.

### 3rd World Ceramic Biennale

The Third World Ceramic Biennale will be held with the theme of “Ceramics: The Vehicle of Culture” for 58 days from April 23 - June 19 in Icheon, Yeosu and Gwangju. For information, call 031-631-6504.

### Foreign Language Fair Seeks Judges, Volunteers

The Third Annual Foreign Language Fair and Competition will be held April 21-22. A

variety of activities and competitions for students of Korean, French, German and Spanish will be offered. For information, call 797-3666 or e-mail questions to [Laurie.Clark@pac.dodea.edu](mailto:Laurie.Clark@pac.dodea.edu).

### CYS Community Fun Fair

CYS Community Fun Fair will be held 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. April 23 at the Yongsan Child Development Center in order to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. Activities will include martial arts demonstrations, dance performances, games and face painting. For information, call 738-5556.

### Religious activities

#### Passover Seders in Seoul

Seders will be held at 8 p.m. April 23 - 24 at the Religious Retreat Center. Reservations are required. For reservations or information, e-mail [sanlando@yahoo.com](mailto:sanlando@yahoo.com) or [oxmanb@korea.army.mil](mailto:oxmanb@korea.army.mil).

#### Spirit Warrior 2005

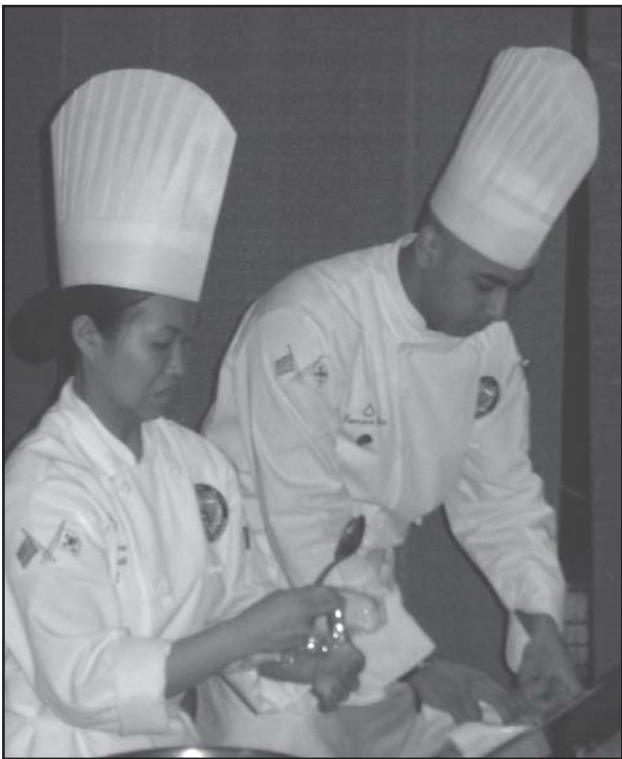
Spirit Warrior 2005, “A Warrior’s Truth” will be held April 29-30 at South Post Chapel. Free Lodging is available for attendees traveling to Area II. For information, call 738-4043/723-8716 or e-mail [grandinj@korea.army.mil](mailto:grandinj@korea.army.mil).

#### Submitting to TMCW

To submit items to Area II Community News, send all pertinent information to Alex Harrington at [harringtona@korea.army.mil](mailto:harringtona@korea.army.mil).

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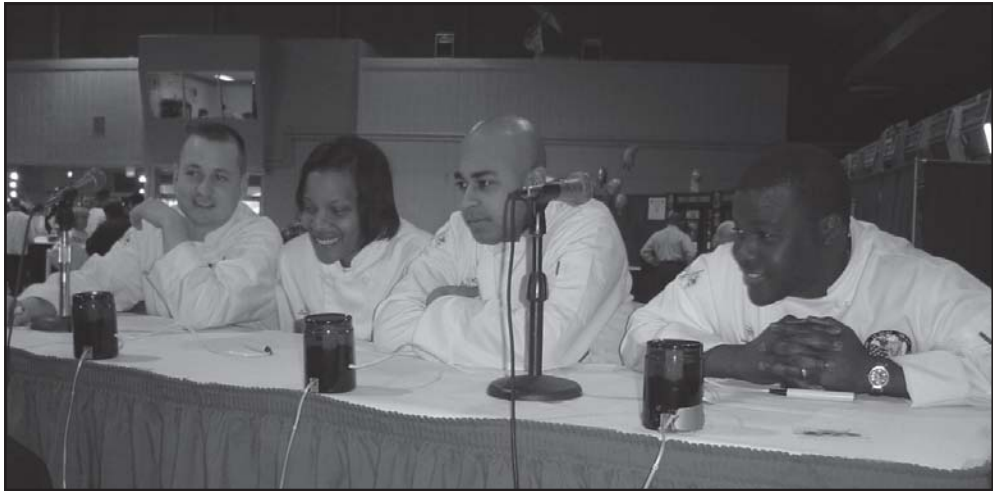


# Cooking up a win

*(At Left) Staff Sgt. Vilaykone Saynorath and Pfc. Francisco Elias compete as part of Team Korea in the Pastry Category for the professional entry portion of the 30th Annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition. The Korea team earned the title of Installation of the Year at the competition, held at Fort Lee, Va., March 5-18.*

*(Below) Spc. Thomas Edwards, Pfc. Temeka Wells, Pfc. Francisco Elias, Spc. Laron Smith represent Team Korea in the U.S. Army culinary arts competition's Baron H. Garland Culinary Knowledge Bowl. Other members of team included CW3 Travis Smith, Sgt. 1st Class Iris E. Cochrane, Staff Sgt. Bernard Book, Sgt. Glen Cassady, Sgt. Carlton Hunter, Sgt. Andre Ward, SSG Bernard Book, SGT Glen Cassady, SGT Carlton Hunter, Sgt. Andre Ward, Spc. Jay Ruff and Spc. Andre Nash.*

*"To compete and win as a team for Installation of the Year in tth 30th Annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition is huge," Smith said. "The competition is something all cooks look forward to each and every year. Team Korea also won a Special Judges Award for Artistic Achievement Table Exhibit and finished first in the knowledge bowl.*



# May English camp seeks host families

As part of the U.S. Forces Korea Good Neighbor program, an English Camp is being set up for about 30 Korean 10th-grade students to be immersed in an English-speaking environment, May 17-21. The program will include Seoul American High School and Seoul-area high school students.

Organizers are looking for families of SAHS 10th- through 12th-graders who would be willing to act as a host family to one or more of the Korean students throughout the five day program. Guest students would live with host families during this time.

The home stay would let these students sample a bit of the American lifestyle they wouldn't normally see. Host families would be responsible for each student during their stay, including providing some meals, picking up the students at the end of each day's activities and bringing them back to their homes at the end of the day.

Host family volunteers may sign up during the Parent Teacher Organization meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, in the SAHS Library or by calling Kevin Krejcarek, USFK Community Relations Office, at 723-6085. Signup deadline is April 8.

In addition to host families, a volunteer coordinator is also needed to manage or direct the Home Stay program by working with the host families on this worthwhile activity.



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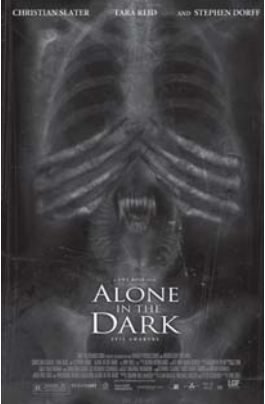
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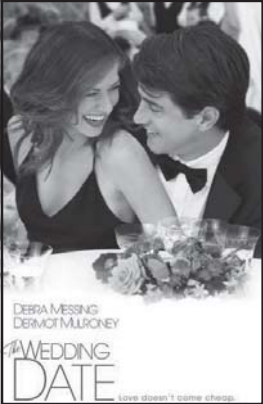
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FOR MORE LISTINGS CALL YOUR THEATER OR VISIT WWW.AAFES.COM ONLINE - SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
CASEY 730-7354	The Passion of the Christ PG-13	The Passion of the Christ PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13	Robots PG	Assault of Precinct 13 R	The Life Aquatic R
ESSAYONS 732-9008	Assault of Precinct 13 R	The Life Aquatic R	Hide and Seek R	No Show	The Passion of the Christ PG-13	Alone in the Dark R	Alone in the Dark R
HENRY 768-7724	The Wedding Date PG-13	The Pacifier PG	The Pacifier PG	Assault of Precinct 13 R	No Show	No Show	No Show
HUMPHREYS 753-7716	The Pacifier PG	The Pacifier PG	The Pacifier PG	Hide and Seek R	Hide and Seek R	Alone in the Dark R	Alone in the Dark R
HIALEAH 763-3120	The Pacifier PG	Assault of Precinct 13 R	Hide and Seek R	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
HOVEY 730-5412	The Wedding Date PG-13	The Passion of the Christ PG-13	Phantom of the Opera PG-13	Phantom of the Opera PG-13	Fat Albert G	The Life Aquatic R	Pooh's Heffalump Movie PG-13
KUNSAN 782-4987	Man of the House PG-13	Man of the House PG-13	Closed for Exercise	Closed for Exercise	Closed for Exercise	Closed for Exercise	Closed for Exercise



**Alone in the Dark**  
A supernatural detective named Carnby travels to Shadow Island to solve the mystery of a friend's death. While there, he discovers the secrets of the Abskani, an ancient tribe that worshiped demonic forces which gave them incredible powers. Carnby's findings suggest that the Abskani are poised to return to take over the world. With the help from his former girlfriend, an archeologist who has the knowledge to stop the demons, Carnby must fight against their attempts to take over his mind and to conquer the Earth.



**The Wedding Date**  
Kat Ellis's worst nightmare is about to come true. Not only is her younger, half-sister, Amy, getting married before her, but to add insult to injury, the groom's best man is Kat's ex-fiancée, Jeffrey. Unable to bear the thought of attending alone, she hires an escort to play her boyfriend. Her rented date, fits the bill perfectly. He's handsome, intelligent, well spoken, and a perfect gentleman. The plan? Make Kat's ex sorry that he ever left her.



**In Good Company**  
Dan is demoted from head of ad sales in a corporate takeover. His new boss, Carter is half his age—a business school prodigy who preaches corporate synergy. Both men are going through turmoil at home. Dan can't afford to lose his job in the wave of corporate layoffs. Dan and Carter's relationship is thrown into jeopardy when Carter begins an affair with, Dan's daughter.



**Phantom of the Opera** -- A disfigured musical genius haunts the catacombs beneath the Paris Opera, waging a reign of terror over its occupants. When he falls fatally in love with the lovely Christine, the Phantom devotes himself to creating a new star for the Opera, exerting a strange sense of control over the young soprano as he nurtures her extraordinary talents. He wants Christine for his own, but Christine falls in love with Raoul. Feeling betrayed, the Phantom decides to kidnap her and imprison her with him in his lair.



**The Ring Two**  
Sequel to the horror flick The Ring, Naomi Watts reprises her role as Rachel Keller, who, six months after the events of the first film, moves to Astoria, Ore., with her son, Aidan, to escape their memories of what happened in Seattle. When a few locals start dying, however, and a strange, familiar videotape reappears, Rachel becomes aware that the creepy Samara is back and after Aidan.



**The Pacifier** -- An undercover agent fails to protect an important government scientist and then agrees to look after the man's five out-of-control kids when they are suddenly thrust into danger. Now, he's finding what tough really is when he pits his combat skills against diapering, den-mothering and drivers training.

AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
LONG 721-3407	Hitch PG-13	No Show	Hitch PG-13	Assault on Precinct 13 R	No Show	No Show	No Show
OSAN 784-4930	The Ring Two PG-13	The Ring Two PG-13	The Ring Two PG-13	Closed for Exercise	Closed for Exercise	Closed for Exercise	Closed for Exercise
RED CLOUD 732-6620	Alone in the Dark R	Phantom of the Opera PG-13	Phantom of the Opera PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13	No Show	The Ring Two PG-13
STANLEY 732-5565	The Passion of the Christ PG-13	Phantom of the Opera PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13	No Show	The Ring Two PG-13	Are We There Yet? PG
YONGSAN I 738-7389	The Ring Two PG-13	The Ring Two PG-13	The Ring Two PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13	The Wedding Date PG-13
YONGSAN II 738-7389	The Ring Two PG-13	Fat Albert G	Lemony Snicket PG	Coach Carter PG-13	Coach Carter PG-13	In Good Company PG-13	In Good Company PG-13
YONGSAN III 738-7389	Fat Albert G	Fat Albert G	Lemony Snicket PG	Phantom of the Opera PG-13	Phantom of the Opera PG-13	Phantom of the Opera PG-13	Phantom of the Opera PG-13



# Learning to focus on blessings, not problems

By Chaplain (Capt.) Frank Ciampa  
498th Corps Support Battalion

Life has its ups and downs, even for those with a strong faith. It can be a challenge to praise God when there is trouble in our lives. Our human nature often prefers to focus on our problems, rather than upon our blessings.

Sometimes in life we get physically, mentally or emotionally tired. Our bodies get tired from getting up early and running around all day. We get mentally tired trying to do well in a class or with the challenges in the workplace.

Emotionally we are drained by worry, by bad news and by personal problems. From time to time, we all hit these low points, but thanks to God we do not have to stay in this dark condition.

Christians believe that Christ is the light of the world

and NOTHING can extinguish that light or separate us from it. “We” are the only things that can separate us from the light; from enjoying the blessings and love of God. Therefore, rather than wallowing in the darkness, we should seek God in prayer and worship, because God brings comfort, hope, wisdom and strength to any situation. God gives us the light to see through the darkness that creeps into our lives. God helps reveal our blessings.

‘Envy’ and ‘self-pity’ are two examples of the darkness that blinds us. I heard a story that illustrates this point very well. In a church, during a Confirmation ceremony there were two very different families with daughters waiting to go down the church aisle to be Confirmed at the altar.

One family was very poor and one was very rich. The poor father looked at the rich man’s daughter, who

was in a wheelchair. She had on the finest dress and shoes that money could buy. The shoes, in particular, caught his eyes because his own daughter was wearing old worn out shoes. It seemed unfair that a cripple should have such nice shoes when his daughter could make better use of them. He was jealous and a little angry over the shoes and said to the rich man, “I would give anything if I could give my daughter a pair of shoes as beautiful as your daughter’s.” The rich man replied, “I would give up my wealth, my home, everything I have, including my life, if my daughter could walk down this church aisle like your daughter.”

Sometimes our blessings are right in front of us, but we are looking elsewhere. When we find ourselves overwhelmed by the troubles of life, we need to ask God to lift us out of the darkness, and thank God for the blessings we already have.

Area II Worship Services

Protestant

Contemporary	Sunday	10 a.m.	Multipurpose Training Facility
Episcopal	Sunday	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
Chruch of Christ	Sunday	2 p.m.	South Post Chapel
United Pentecostal	Sunday	1 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Church International			
Collective	Sunday	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
		9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel (Korean)
		10 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
		Noon	South Post Chapel (Gospel)
		10:30 a.m.	K-16 Community Chapel

Collective Sunday

6 p.m.

South Post Chapel

1 p.m.

Camp Colbern Chapel

Korean

Tuesday

6 p.m.

Camp Colbern Chapel

Thursday

6:30 p.m.

Memorial Chapel

KCFA

2nd Tuesday

11:45 a.m.

Memorial Chapel

3rd Tuesday

11:45 a.m.

Memorial Chapel

Catholic

Mass

Sunday

8 a.m.

South Post Chapel

11:30 a.m.

Memorial Chapel

Tuesday

12:05 p.m.

121 Hospital Chapel

7 p.m.

South Post Chapel

Mon/Wed/Thur/Fri

12:05 p.m.

Memorial Chapel

Mass

Saturday

5 p.m.

Memorial Chapel

Jewish

Friday

6 p.m.

South Post Chapel

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# Kids embrace Easter fun with egg hunt, candy

## Korea Region Public Affairs

Easter means many things to many people. For children at military installations across the Republic of Korea, the holiday was a chance to embrace fun and competition.

About 30 children met March 25 at the Camp Red Cloud commissary parking lot for an Easter egg hunt, sack races and candy giveaways.

"This is the second year we've put this together," said Natalia Lyons, CRC Pear Blossom Cottage manager. "The children love it."

The CRC Commissary and vendors donated food and drinks. The commissary gave away three \$25 shopping sprees and a special Easter basket to lucky winners.

The commissary staff also helped run the Easter egg hunt. Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers, Pear Blossom Cottage and the Chaplain's Outreach program also supported the event.

"We hid candy in plastic eggs," said Jose Gonzalez, CRC Commissary manager. "In three of them we put a note telling them they had won a \$25 shopping spree."

In Area III, the holiday was greeted with the Easter Eggstravaganza at Camp Humphreys' Soldier's Park. Children enjoyed an Egg Grab, featuring 1,200 prize-filled plastic eggs.

At Yongsan, about 35 egg hunters gathered at Commiskey's to hunt for eggs and visit from a costumed BOSS rep standing in for the Easter Bunny.

"I feel that this year was a great success. We had more children than last year, which made it even better," said Spc. Allan Springer, BOSS rep for 14th Singal Detachment, who volunteered at the event. "We are hoping that this keeps building to be a huge event within the next few years."



DAVID McNALLY

Five-year old Mark Anthony Walter (right) bounces his way to the finish line in an Easter sack race March 25 at Camp Red Cloud.



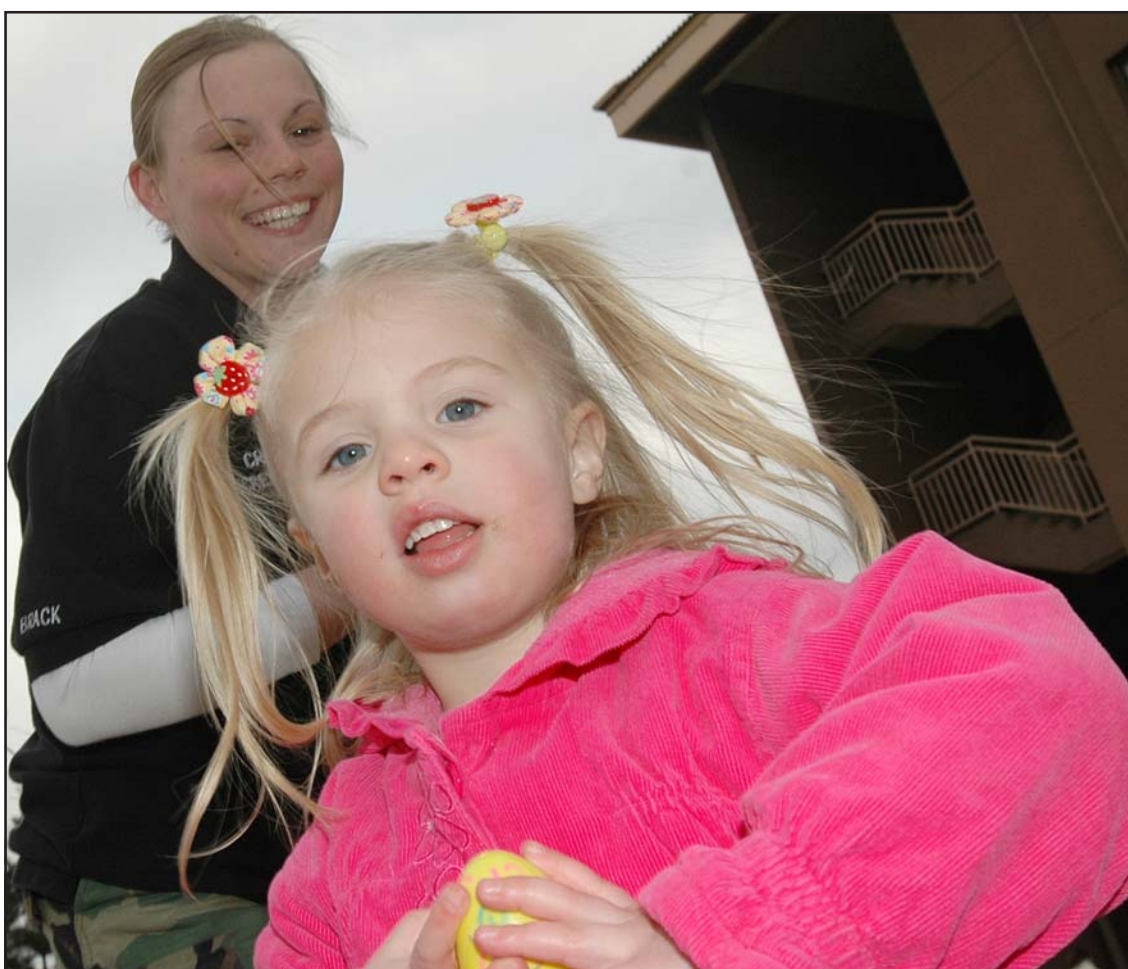
ROGER EDWARDS

Face painting was among the activities at Camp Humphrey's Easter Eggstravaganza



GALEN PUTNAM

A tot takes a moment to sample some of the goodies he scooped up during the Camp Walker Easter egg hunt Saturday at Kelly Field. The event, sponsored by the Taegu Spouses' Association and supported by Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers members, attracted more than 100 eager participants.



DAVID McNALLY

Mary-Elizabeth McGoran, 3, holds an Easter egg she found during the egg hunt. Spc. Casey Brack looks on.



## Korea MWR Region

### Suzanne Vega Concert

The USO has discount tickets for a Monday concert by recording artist Suzanne Vega. The performance will be at Chungmu Art Hall and will begin at 8 p.m. USO is offering tickets at a discount of 10 percent for military ID carholders. Stop by any USO office for information or call 724-7003.

### Sunday Bowling Tournament

Visit and enjoy the Sunday Bowling Tournament, 1 p.m. every Sunday at Camp Red Cloud Bowling Center. The tournament will be a combination of Handicap, Scratch, 9-Pin No-Tap and 3-6-9. Also stay late to enjoy X-Treme Bowling from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

### Pool Tournament

Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center is hosting a pool tournament at 11 a.m. every Sunday. The winner will receive a coupon for dinner at Mitchell's. For information, call 732-6246.

### Primo's Adds Oriental Specials

Camp Casey Primo's Express is offering Oriental specials starting in April. Menu items are Bulgogi, Mixed Grill, Vegetable Beef/Chicken/Pork and Fried Rice. Primo's Oriental Special comes with choice of 16-oz. soda. For information, call 730-3400.

### 10-Cent Wings

Ten-cent Chicken Wing Night (with purchase of a drink) is available at Camp Casey Primo's Express and Golf Course Club at 5 p.m. every Friday. For information, call the Camp Casey area club manager at 730-4334.

### Customer Feedback Contest

Area I MWR has a unique customer feedback mechanism called Orange Customer Comment Card. Comment Cards are available at any MWR facility in Area I. Right now MWR is conducting a contest involving the Orange Customer Comment Card. Complete a Comment Card with your personal contact information on it. Drop it off at any U.S. mailbox. At the end of each month three names will be announced to receive a coupon for lunch, dinner or services at any Area I MWR Club, Bowling Center or Golf Course. For information about the contest, call 732- 6274.

### Mass Communication Seminar

The Parent Teacher Organization and Army Career Alumni Program are sponsoring an appearance by Emmy Award-winning producer and writer, Steven Smalley at the Seoul American High School Auditorium from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday. Smalley will discuss careers in mass communications, including radio, television, theater and motion pictures. For information, call 738-7322.



TIM HIPPS

Bronze medalist Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs (left) of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, scores with a left jab during a 21-12 semifinal loss to Brandon Gonzalez of San Jose, Calif., in the men's 178-pound division of the 2005 U.S. Amateur Boxing National Championships at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## Army wins 3 medals in nationals

By Tim Hipps

Army News Service

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** — A young and inexperienced squad exhibited the All-Army boxing team's best performance in five years in the 2005 U.S. Amateur Boxing National Championships March 15 to 19 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

Although the Soldiers didn't produce any national champions, All-Army Coach Basheer Abdullah said they exceeded his expectations.

Spc. Christina Brown won a silver medal in the women's 165-pound weight class. Staff Sgt. Christopher Downs and 1st Lt. Boyd Melson won bronze medals in the men's 178- and 152-pound divisions respectively.

All told, six Soldiers reached the quarterfinals, including Sgt. Joe Guzman (201 pounds) and Spc. David Gallegos (141 pounds), both of Fort Carson, Colo., and Sgt. Laval Viridiana (119 pounds) of Fort Myer, Va.

Brown, a 6-foot-3-inch, multi-sport athlete stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., lost her gold-medal bout to Baltimore's Franchon Crews when the referee stopped the contest 67 seconds into the first round. The much shorter and stockier Crews attacked from the opening bell and tallied more than 15 points

in the opening minute.

"I was shocked," Brown, 24, said of Crews' aggressiveness. "I didn't think [her punches] were landing to the point where she was scoring that much."

Downs, 30, stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, dropped a 21-12 decision to Brandon Gonzalez of San Jose, Calif., in the semifinals. Downs was allowed by supervisors of the 127th Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Warrior in Iraq to attend the All-Army boxing camp and compete in the 2005 Armed Forces Championships and U.S. National Championships. Downs qualified for a berth in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program by winning an Armed Forces crown. His performance here solidified the selection, Abdullah said.

Melson, 23, a WCAP member and graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., lost 15-10 in the 152-pound semis to Brooklyn's Daniel Jacobs.

Abdullah praised the All-Army boxers for their performances.

"These athletes definitely exceeded my expectations," he said. "I thought I was going to get maybe one or two [boxers] into the semis. That would've been a blessing. But they accepted the challenge, dug in deep, and ... we advanced three into the semis, so I'm pleased."

## MWR survey seeks user input

### CFSC Marketing

**YONGSAN** — To better provide the Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs community members want Korea Region is participating in the Army-wide 2005 MWR Leisure Needs Survey.

The survey will obtain valuable information about customer leisure-time activities, as well as use and satisfaction with MWR facilities and programs. The Leisure Needs Survey is a key source of information for MWR managers, local commanders and senior Army leadership. Survey data is used in program planning and decision-making to improve the MWR activities that are important to quality of life in the community.

Usually conducted every three years, the Leisure Needs Survey is customized for each participating installation. This year's survey will be fielded at 92 installations, with over 260,000 surveys distributed Army-wide to active-duty Soldiers, spouses, civilian employees and military retirees.

Soldiers and civilian employees selected through random sampling distribution will receive a survey through their unit or workplace. The survey will be mailed directly to spouses and military retirees.

If selected to participate, community members are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to voice their opinion on Army MWR. The greater the number of responses, the more accurate and helpful the information is in guiding the Army in providing the MWR programs the community wants and needs. All survey responses are anonymous and confidential.

A comprehensive installation report of survey data will be provided to each installation in late 2005. Each report will provide patron data in the form of an electronic, queriable database consisting of both installation-specific and cumulative Regional and Army-wide data.

The Army MWR Leisure Needs Survey is conducted by the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, the Army agency which manages Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs worldwide.

## Holiday Helpers

(At right) Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Servicemembers representative, Senior Airman Sara Festavan, stands in for the Easter Bunny in pictures with children at the Yongsan Easter egg hunt Saturday. About 10 BOSS reps participated in co-sponsoring the event. The BOSS reps hid eggs, set up a prize table and photographed participating children.

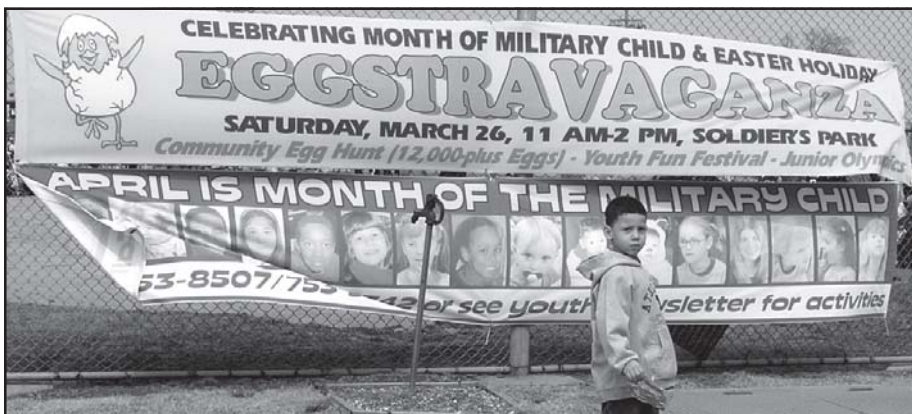


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Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Servicemembers representatives hide eggs at an Easter Egg Hunt at Commiskey's on Yongsan Garrison, Saturday.





Easter Eggstravaganza fills Soldier's Park with activity Saturday, as the site hosts a variety of activities to mark the beginning of Month of the Military Child.

## Easter Eggstravaganza kicks off Month of the Military Child

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – Camp Humphreys annual Easter “Eggstravaganza” was celebrated Saturday at Soldier’s Park.

The event kicked off with an “Egg Grab,” instead of the traditional egg hunt.

“We wanted every child to get a share of the eggs,” said Tami Taliento, Eggstravaganza volunteer. “In a traditional egg hunt the big kids have the advantage. “We put the eggs out in three different areas of the park for different age groups so everyone would get some.”

It didn’t take long for every egg to be claimed. The 12,000 plastic eggs stuffed with small toys and goodies were grabbed by both American and Korean youngsters.

Following the “Egg Grab,” focus shifted to the park’s second field where volunteers from Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers had set up the Moon Walk, Obstacle Course, Bungee Run and Velcro Wall play environments.

“Soldiers from the 194th Maintenance Battalion and U.S. Army Area III Support Activity did the cooking for us,” said Michael Mooney, marketing manager for Area III Morale, Welfare and Recreation. “They cooked hot dogs for about 1,500 people in just a couple of hours.”

“There were other volunteers from the community,” said James Howell, Area III sports director. “We had a clown, an Easter Bunny and Sparky the Fire Dog wandering around to help entertain the children. Volunteers operated games, a face-painting booth, fingerprinting booth and information booth.

Mooney said the event was a big success that couldn’t have happened with the help of the many volunteers.

The final events in the day’s activities were a demonstration by Camp Humphreys’ K-9 Military Police unit and a Junior Olympics competition in which all participants won the “Gold.”

Month of the Military Child events are listed in April’s editions of the Area III “Leisure Informer” and “Youth Newsletter.”



PHOTOS BY ROGER EDWARDS

Five-year-old Hana Seo takes time out from Eggstravaganza activities to enjoy a hot dog prepared by volunteers from the 194th Maintenance Battalion.



The “Obstacle Course” proves to be a popular activity for children old enough to enjoy it.



Mathew and Laura Szymanski check out their take following the Egg Grab.



Two young girls greet the Easter Bunny.



Saturday’s Eggstravaganza features an “Egg Grab,” hot dogs and a variety of other activities under the open sky for the entire family. The event drew around 1,500 people to Camp Humphreys’ Soldier’s Park.



**NEWS & NOTES**

**Newcomers Briefing**

The monthly Newcomer's Briefing will be held in the Community Activities Center at 8 a.m. April 12. After a break for lunch, newcomers will engage in a walking tour of Anjong-ri, the community outside Camp Humphreys Main Gate. For information, call 753-6901 or 753-8401.

**Town Hall Meeting**

The quarterly Town Hall meeting is scheduled in the Community Activities Center at 6 p.m. April 19.

**Taxi Fare Increase**

The base fare for Army and Air Force Exchange Service taxi cabs in Area III will increase from \$1.50 to \$1.80 for the initial meter reading effective today. The fare increase will offset rising fuel costs and fluctuation in the exchange rate, according to AAFES officials. For information, call 753-8290.

**PTO Dinner and Movie**

A PTO Dinner and Movie will be held at 6 p.m. today at the Blackhorse Dining Facility. For information, call Candice Banks at 031-300-6711.

**USO Tours**

United Service Organizations offers a variety of tours, including:  
Thursday, Shilluk Temple and Buddhist Museum  
April 8, Han River Cruise with dinner  
April 10, Seoul Land & Zoo  
April 17, Lotte World Amusement Park  
For information, call 753-6281.

**Cross -Cultural Marriage Seminar**

A cross-cultural marriage seminar will be held April 11-12 in the MWR Training Room. Pre-registration is required. For information, call 753-8782.

**Softball Sign-up**

The 2005 Camp Humphreys Men's Post-Level Softball Team is now conducting sign-ups for the upcoming softball season. Sign up in person at the Camp Humphreys post gym through April 15. For information call the post gym at 753-8810.

**PMO, Vehicle Registration Hours**

New hours for the Area III Provost Marshall Office and Vehicle Registration are 7:30-noon and 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. All clearing for the Provost Marshal's Office and Vehicle Registration will be at Bldg 544, Rm. 201 behind the health clinic. For information, call 753-6609.

**Area III Tax Center**

The Area III Tax Center is open for tax advice and tax return preparation. Soldiers should contact their unit tax advisor. Department of Defense civilians, family members and other valid ID cardholders are also eligible for tax preparation service. For information, call 753-3170.

**Area III Web Site**

The Area III Web site is now online at <http://area3.korea.army.mil>. The site has helpful information and news for all community members. For information, call 753-8847.

# Military working dog retires

**By Roger Edwards**

Area III Public Affairs

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – A military working dog named Tosca retired in a ceremony at the Community Activities Center March 23, after 10 years of Army service – most of which occurred at Camp Humphreys. She has been

adopted and will return to the United States with her new family.

"She's been a big part of our operation," said Sgt. James Pendergrass, acting non-commissioned officer in charge, 544th and 906th detachments, 94th Military Police Battalion, Camp Humphreys kennels.



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Staff Sgt. Tosca relaxes at her retirement ceremony March 23.

"We're going to miss her a lot."

Tosca completed training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1995 and was assigned to Korea in August of that year. Her specialty is narcotics detection and, over the years, she has been responsible for the seizure of several pounds of marijuana and methamphetamines.

"We're really happy about Tosca's retirement and adoption," said Capt. Michael Sanders, 94th MP Bn. "It's a really good end for her career."

During the ceremony, attended by military police members from as far away as Yongsan, Sanders presented the 11-year-old Tosca with the Army Achievement Medal citing her long service (70 dog years) and successful career.

Tosca has been adopted by Chief Warrant Officer 5 Chuck Wakins, a member of Delta 21 Air Defense Artillery at Kunsan Air Base. She will rotate back to the states with him in November and will spend a year at Fort Bliss, Texas. Following his own retirement, Wakins intends to take Tosca to his ranch outside San Bernardino, Calif.

Wakins said that he is really glad to get Tosca. "She's got a great personality," he said. "She'll make a good addition to the family."

Over the years Tosca has had 16 handlers. "That's really unusual," said Capt. Sanders. "Mostly a dog is with a handler for at least a year or two. But the situation means that she's gotten used to change and can adapt well to new situations."

Tosca's loss is not going to affect mission readiness at the kennel.

"We've already gotten a replacement for Tosca," said Pendergrass, "and even though we'll miss her, she deserves a long, happy retirement."

## Falcon decon units in place at Humphreys

**Area III Public Affairs**

**CAMP HUMPHREYS** – Area III is the latest recipient of the Falcon Fixed Site Decontamination System. Mounted on a Ford F-350 truck and trailer, the system provides mobile terrain and large or fixed-site decontamination support.

Seven of the units were delivered to Camp Humphreys last week, and operating crews were trained to handle the machine.

According to trainers Willie Penn and Aaron Martin, employees of the Falcon's maker Intelagard Emergency Response Systems, the truck provides the mobility for the system and carries one delivery system, but the trailer is the heart of the Falcon. The heavy-duty dual-axel trailer carries twin 500-gallon tanks with the engines and pumps to mix, compress and deliver decontaminate foam as far as 100 feet.

There are three foam projection devices included in the Falcon.

When used with the Falcon, the foam is able to decontaminate all chemical or biological exposures.

The truck carries a deck gun mounted on the truck bed inside a personnel safety cage. The gun can swivel 360 degrees, is manually controlled and has an expanded foam application rate of 800 gallons per minute. The gun produces 15,000 gallons of foam per tank. It's used to decontaminate vehicles, aircraft, buildings and other large structures.

There is a one-and-a-half inch non-collapsible fire hose delivery system built onto the trailer. The final projection device is a spray bar on the rear of the trailer. Its six nozzles produce an 80-degree spray angle in a fan pattern and will produce 32 gallons per minute of decontamination spray each at 100 pounds per square inch. It will decontaminate a path 10 feet across.

A total of 44 of the units will be delivered to Korea.



ROGER EDWARDS

The Falcon Decontamination System is built around a Ford 350 pick-up truck and a dual axel commercial trailer with twin 500 gallon tanks.



Commentary

America salutes volunteers

By Roger Edwards  
Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – April 17 – 23 is National Volunteer Week 2005. According to the Points of Light Foundation, National Volunteer Week sponsor, the week is about thanking one of America’s most valuable assets – volunteers – and calling to public attention all they do to improve our communities.

Area III benefits from the services of our volunteers at least as much as any community in the States. Volunteers are found locally in offices, assisting with administrative duties. There are volunteers working in the clinic, the Community Activities Center, the youth center, Humphreys American Elementary School, the chapel, the Red Cross and the Painted Door Thrift Shop.

Volunteers also join organizations such as the United Club, Better Opportunities for Single and

unaccompanied Soldiers, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the Masons and the Eastern Star. As members of these organizations, volunteers give up their free time and money to help wherever labor and money might be needed. They finance scholarships,



arrange trips, help clean up the community and work to help neighboring communities. They teach, they coach, they cook, they clean. They’re baby sitters and book readers and Area III would be a poorer, less pleasant place to be without them.

Over the next few weeks the Public Affairs Office will be running articles concerning our volunteers. We will not be able to acknowledge each by name, but we will be saluting each as best we can. We hope that each reader will join in and say thanks to each friend and neighbor who is also a volunteer.

Korea provides exciting activities for family members

By Samantha McKenna  
Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Korea can be a hard place for a military spouse to find work.

More families than ever are making the move to Korea and the increasing number of spouses means more competition for the few jobs available. One of the best places to look for paid employment at Camp Humphreys is Army Community Services. LaVita Vincent is the employment manager at ACS and she can help identify skills and experience that might lead to paid employment.

In addition to paid jobs, there are a number of other things to do while in Korea. The most important thing is to find your niche within the community.

A popular choice is to take one of the volunteer opportunities available. Check in with the ACS office and fill out a volunteer form. Base organizations always need volunteers. Volunteering also allows a worker to gain experience and skills to add to a resume. Volunteer experience on a resume shows activity during a tour of Korea and shows employers that a potential employee cares about work. Companies may look for volunteer experience when hiring new employees, so volunteer duty while in Korea could be great for the career

and for future hires. Teaching language is among the most popular job choices among spouses in Korea. There are many opportunities to teach. A spouse can give private lessons or may teach at a local school. Korean nationals may have the opportunity to teach the Korean language to the English-speaking military members and their families.

Many spouses in Korea have families that take most of their time. For those without families, time can be filled with shopping, exercise, exploring or education. Many spouses get groups together who share similar interests. They may go search through antique shops or take day trips to neighboring cities. They may take classes and increase their education. A majority see their time in Korea as a great opportunity to get in shape and adjust to a healthier lifestyle. The slower pace allows many spouses to research healthier eating options, learn new recipes and spend some time in the gym.

Whatever your interests or hobbies, there is sure to be something for you in Korea.

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## Food court a new jewel in Camp Carroll crown

By Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs

**CAMP CARROLL** – As celebrants gathered, aromas from several name-brand eateries wafted through the air. But, this was no mall in middle America – it was the grand reopening of the Army And Air Force Exchange Service Food Court at Camp Carroll March 24.

The renovated and expanded food court features new additions Pizza Hut, Popeyes Chicken & Biscuits, Subway and Baskin Robbins in addition to Burger King and the American Eatery. Besides adding dining options, the \$940,000 project added more than 50 seats to the facility that also includes the installation's Cyber Café.

"These establishments are all names from home that bring a taste of home to Camp Carroll," said Paul Stenseth, general manager for AAFES Capital and Southern Consolidated Exchanges. "The offerings here



GALEN PUTNAM

Customers sample the offerings following the Camp Carroll AAFES food court grand reopening March 24. More than 100 community members and dignitaries attended the event.

allow Soldiers to dine on the familiar foods they grew up with while enjoying the convenience of a state-of-the-art food court."

The project, which started in June 2003,

was a partnership between AAFES and Camp Carroll Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The building belongs to MWR, while the food establishments are direct operations of AAFES.

"This partnership exemplifies the phrase 'the whole is greater than the sum of the parts,'" Stenseth said, "The funds generated ... ultimately return to the community and benefit Soldiers by enhancing MWR programs."

Community members expressed their approval of the facility and its expanded offerings.

"The Soldiers here are far away from their families and hometowns. Anything to make them feel more at home is a morale booster," said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Rivera, 226th Signal Company, 307th Signal Battalion, Camp Carroll. "The selection is great and they have good facilities. That shows they care about what the Soldiers want."

"This feels just like being in the states," said Pvt. Whitney Pickering, 57th Military Police Company, 728th Military Police Battalion, Camp Carroll. "It is just like being at home."

## Area IV salutes military children throughout month of April

By Cpl. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs

**CAMP HENRY** – Area IV is recognizing Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. A variety of activities are planned during the month by the Area IV Family Advocacy Program, and Child and Youth Services on camps Walker, Carroll

and Hialeah. Morale, Welfare and Recreation and other organizations are also sponsoring events to acknowledge children.

Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Month of the Military Child are recognized together in U.S. Army communities around the world.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan declared April as

Child Abuse Prevention Month in a presidential proclamation. In 1986, Secretary of Defense Casper W. Weinberger declared April as Month of the Military Child.

"America has a fundamental duty to protect the safety and well-being of its children," said President

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## AER helps Army take care of own

By Cpl. Oh Dong-keun

Area IV Public Affairs

**CAMP HENRY** – When emergency needs arise in a Soldier's life, whether active duty, reserve or retired, help is available from an organization that has been aiding Soldiers in need for more than 60 years.

Established in 1942, the Army Emergency Relief, a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own," has maintained a long-standing tradition of assisting Soldiers every day, in peace and war, to help them during times of financial need.

"The AER provides Soldiers with emergency financial assistance when they don't have the money to cover expenses that arise as emergencies," said Steven Lamontagne, financial readiness program manager at Camp Henry Army Community Service. "It also provides scholarships to family members of Soldiers through the Spouse Education Assistance Program."

Since the organization does not receive government subsidies, AER conducts an Army-wide fund drive each spring in order to ensure adequate resources to assist Soldiers in need.

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## Command Presence



GALEN PUTNAM

Col. Donald J. Hendrix (second from left), commander, Area IV Support Activity, followed by his wife Dana, join other models during the grand finale of the 17th Daegu Collection Hanbok Fashion Show at the Korea Fashion Center in Daegu March 16. About 1,000 spectators and media jammed the auditorium for the show that featured designers Lee Pil-neum, Kim Bok-yeon, Seong Nan-hui, and Lee Mi-yae. The event was sponsored by the City of Daegu, KBS – Daegu and the Daegu Kyungbook Textile Industry Association. The event was part of a two-day fashion fair featuring designers from Korea and the United States.



## NEWS & NOTES

### Tuition Assistance Available

Tuition Assistance for Soldiers registering for Term IV, Monday – May 14 is now available. For information or to register, call the Camp Henry Education Center in the Daegu area at 768-7919, the Camp Carroll Education Center at 765-7702 or the Camp Hialeah Education Center at 763-7516 in the Busan area.

### Summer Hire Program

Applications for the 2005 Area IV summer hire program will be accepted through April 14. Applications are available at the Area IV Civilian Personnel Advisory Center on Camp Henry. For information, call Karyn Smith at 768-7128.

### Area IV Holocaust Remembrance

The Area IV Equal Opportunity Office is hosting a Holocaust remembrance luncheon 11:30 a.m. Monday at Evergreen Community Club on Camp Walker. The guest speaker is Thomas Blatt, a Holocaust survivor. For information, call Master Sgt. Matt DeLay at 768-8972.

### RSO&I Victory Party

The Camp Carroll RSO&I Victory party will be held 3 p.m. April 9 at Sweeny Field on Camp Carroll. There will be company-level competitions and an “American Idol”-style competition. Sign up for the “Idol” competition at Camp Carroll Army Community Service by Thursday. For information on the competition, call Sandra Jackson at 765-8993. For information on the party, call Glenn Groome at 765-7230.

### Earth Day Drawing Contest

The Area IV Environmental Division is sponsoring the 2005 Earth Day drawing contest for Status Of Forces Agreement status youth in ages 10 – 15 in the Daegu and Camp Carroll communities. Drawings must incorporate this year’s theme of “Sustainable Future through Recycling.” Entries must be submitted to School Age Services on Camp Walker by April 13. For information, call Robert Chartier at 768-8730.

### Occupational Health Fair

Occupational Health Fair 2005 will be held 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. April 14 at the AAFES Food Court on Camp Carroll. There will be free refreshments and door prizes. For information, call Sun D. Kwon at 765-7958.

### Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

The Camp Carroll annual volunteer recognition luncheon will be 11:30 a.m. April 15 at Community Activity Center on Camp Carroll. For information, call Sandra Jackson at 765-8993.

### Commissary Closure

The Taegu commissary will be closed April 19 for an inventory. The commissary will reopen April 20. Camp Carroll, Pusan and Chinhae commissaries will be open April 19. For information, call Alan Esperas at 764-5310.

# RSOI: Hungry hordes invade Area IV

**By Pfc. Marcos E. Alices Kinch and Pvt. Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown**

210th MPAD, Garner, N.C.

**CAMPWALKER** – Imagine getting up at 3 a.m. to cook and serve breakfast to more than 500 Soldiers. It sounds like an undesirable job, but for the kitchen staff at Camp Walker’s Taegu Mountain Inn, it’s business as usual.

With the addition of more than 750 extra servicemembers during this year’s Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration exercise at Camp Walker, the dining facility’s staff here worked harder and put in longer hours, but their mission remained the same, said Sgt. 1st Class Charles D. Brown, senior food service operations manager for the dining facility.

Beginning March 7, the exercise boosted the number of servicemembers served at lunch from about 250 to 575 per day, said Sgt. Eric L. Lampley, a rations noncommissioned officer in charge at the dining facility.

The usual operations at Camp Walker’s dining facility are set up to cater to about 1,200 servicemembers on a daily basis. During RSO&I, however, the number of people to feed can nearly triple, Brown said.

To prepare for the exercise, the dining facility began training new civilian employees March 1. Additional civilian employees are brought in to help with the month-long exercise and work along with the permanent kitchen staff. Sometimes the addition of contracted staff is difficult because the new employees may not have prior dining facility experience, Brown said. The communication barrier can also be a hindrance.

Despite the potential difficulties, things went well according to Brown.

“Our mission as a dining facility is to provide cafeteria-style quality foods to Soldiers, 100 percent,” he said.

Meeting the high expectations of Soldiers can be tough. Most servicemembers, however, seemed pleased with the food at the Taegu Mountain Inn.

“The food has been better than usual during the exercise,” said Cpl. Kun Park, an administrative specialist for the Republic of Korea Army Staff Office and frequent diner here.

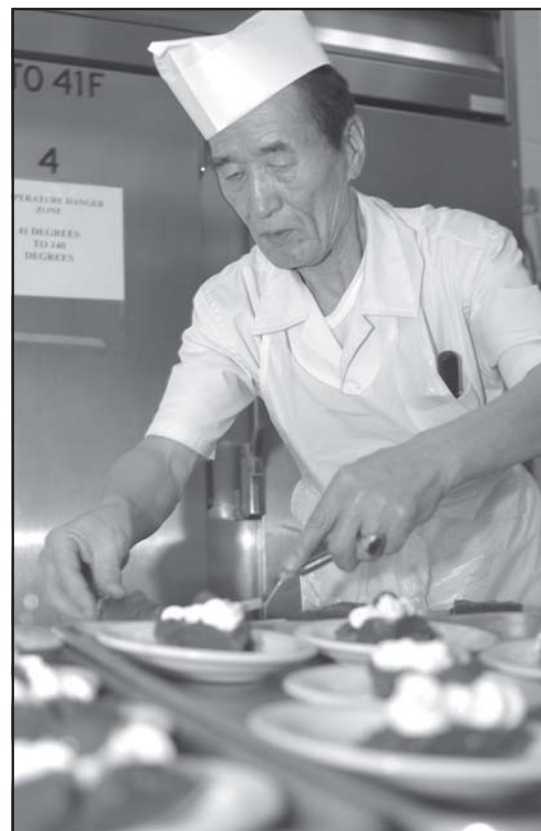
“The quality of service and food has gone up considerably since RSO&I started,” said Cpl. Young H. Kim, another administrative specialist for the ROKA Staff Office.

In a foreign duty station, servicemembers expect meals they are accustomed to eating stateside. Although the acquisition of American provisions might be difficult in Korea, the dining facility staff makes it a priority to help the servicemembers feel more at home in a foreign place, Brown said.

Even though dining facilities make a huge effort, that effort is not always recognized.

“For the most part, 99.9 percent of the people that come through here have nothing but good things to say. The bad things, you have to hear them too. It just comes with the job, the fact that you cannot please everybody,” Brown said.

The focus is to try to provide quality meals for the servicemembers and attract the meal card holders back into the dining facility, said Brown. Servicemembers may have the option to eat off post, but



Pvt. ALEXANDRA HEMMERLY-BROWN

*Yim Soon-yong, a baker hired to help support the increased demand at Camp Walker’s Taegu Mountain Inn during RSOI prepares desserts*

the money they spend at the dining facility helps go back into improving the quality of food, he said.

“I think that in food service you always try to step it up to the next bar,” Brown said. “It is the Soldiers’ input and advice that is needed to make these improvements.”

Although their efforts may go unnoticed and unappreciated at times, the employees have a way of knowing when they are doing the right thing.

“When there’s no complaints, that’s when I know I’ve done a job well done,” Lampley said.

## AER

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The Area IV 2005 Army Emergency Relief Campaign started Monday and continues through April 29.

“This is a great opportunity for Soldiers to continue to help other Soldiers,” said Anthony Treloar, Area IV Army Emergency Relief Campaign coordinator. “This campaign provides a wonderful opportunity to publicize and to reinforce Soldiers’ awareness of AER and its programs. Without this publicity and reinforcement, the collective knowledge of AER within the Army would soon disappear. Without an annual infusion of donations, AER would soon deplete its reserves that are held for contingencies.”

The overall goal for this year’s campaign is to achieve 100 percent contact with all active-duty Soldiers and retirees in the Area IV community and to raise \$45,000 in donations, according to Lamontagne.

“We will have AER representatives in each unit in the area,” Lamontagne said. “(The representatives’) primary mission will be to make contact with

the Soldiers and the retirees and to solicit donations from them. The money donated in Area IV during the campaign goes directly to the national AER fund.”

The Area IV community contributed more than \$55,000 to the AER pot last year, and distributed more than \$72,000 to qualified recipients throughout Area IV in 2004.

“The amount Area IV raises does not reflect the amount of assistance Area IV can provide,” Lamontagne said. “AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their family members for legitimate emergency needs such as food, rent, utilities, funeral, medical and dental expenses, emergency transportation and vehicle repair, and personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen.”

The organization helps Soldiers whenever possible, however, there are circumstances in which the AER cannot help individuals including paying for nonessentials, financing ordinary leave or vacations, debt consolidation, bad check or credit card repayments and the purchase of homes or vehicles.

“To apply for AER assistance,

Soldiers or their spouses, acting through a power of attorney, need to bring their military identification cards, Leave and Earnings Statement, leave orders and other sustaining documents to their local AER officer,” Lamontagne said. “The AER assistance can be provided in three different forms; loan, which is expected to be repaid without interest; grant, when repayment would cause hardship to the Soldier; and the combination of loan and grant, when repayment of the full amount would cause hardship to the Soldier.”

For information on making a donation to the AER fund contact your unit AER representative. In Daegu interested persons may also call Treloar at 768-7089. At Camp Carroll, call Chief Warrant Officer Paul Sankey at 765-8128 and at Camp Hialeah, contact Staff Sgt. Robert McElyea at 763-7466.

For information on how to apply for AER assistance, contact Lamontagne at 768-8127 or visit Camp Henry Army Community Service, located in Building T-1103.



# Equipment draw gets RSOI exercise rolling

By Pvt. Park Myung-joon  
19th Theater Support Command Public Affairs

**CAMP CARROLL** – It was cold and rainy, but that didn’t stop Soldiers and civilians from Material Support Center-Korea and the Republic Of Korea Army from completing the War Reserve Stocks for Allies-Korea Draw March 22-24.

The U.S. Army and ROK Army have conducted the WRSA-K Draw since 1998, typically during the Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration Exercise.

“Fifty-five years ago, we fought for this country. If we have to do it again, we need to exercise just as we are doing today,” said Ronald White, American Preparation Stock-4 planner for MSC-K.

“WRSA-K is probably one of the most important pieces of RSOI, because this piece of the exercise allows us to work directly with our ROK counterparts. That’s important. We learn from each other,” White said.

Conducting exercises with the ROK Army allows both MSC-K and the ROK Army know what their weaknesses and strengths are. “This exercise is just the same thing that we’re going to do if there is a war in Korea,” White said.

The WRSA-K Draw has two different phases. The first is the transportation phase dealing with the upload, tie down, transport, download and transport back to storage of equipment by using railroads. Therefore, MSC-K’s transportation chief must have contact with his ROK counterparts and Korean National Railroads to accomplish this operation, White said.

Next is the documentation phase covering the correct transfer of accountability. Both MSC-K and



*Army Prepositioned Stock-4 Support Division employees lift a tanker into place during the War Reserve Stocks for Allies-Korea Draw March 22-24. The draw was part of this year’s RSOI exercise.*

the ROK Army must check every document pertaining to the amount and condition of the equipment being transferred, White said.

During this year’s exercise, MSC-K issued six pieces of Class VII equipment, consisting of four ammo trailers and two water trailers. Class VII items include rolling stock, track vehicles, wheeled vehicles and



*Army Prepositioned Stock-4 Support Division employees prepare materials for shipping.*

trailers.

“I’m proud that we’re joining this kind of good exercise with the U.S. Army. It’s really good to conduct an incorporated exercise with the U.S. Army. Even though it is not a good weather for the exercise, this should let us have a better chance to prepare for a possible war in Korea,” said Maj. Kim, Kyung Jin, 3rd Supply Depot, ROK Army.

“This exercise allows me to remember the meaning of the alliance of the U.S. and South Korea. Performing the joint exercise gave me a chance to be ready for any possible situation,” said Cpl. Yi, Jung Ho, 3rd Supply Depot.

Over the last few years, the WRSA-K Draw has gotten better and better according to White.

“I’m happy to be a part of WRSA-K. It actually gives me a chance to work with ROK Army directly. It’s a learning experience for me,” he said.

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Children

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“During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we renew our commitment to preventing child abuse and neglect, and we dedicate ourselves to creating a safe environment in which our children can grow and thrive. This critical responsibility is shared by parents, teachers, coaches, religious leaders, government officials, and concerned citizens in every community.”

According to Robin Sherard, Area IV Family Advocacy Program manager, the theme for this year’s Child Abuse Prevention Month is “Protecting All Our Children, All the Time.”

“The Family Advocacy Program is dedicated to providing programs to heighten the awareness of parents and children as well as keeping our children safe,” said The Family Advocacy Newsletter for Area IV Commanders, a quarterly newsletter issued by the Area IV Family Advocacy Program.

Some of the activities and events slated throughout the month in Area IV are highlighted below.

**April 2** – Daegu area Blue Ribbon Campaign Kick-off, 1 p.m. at the Camp Walker Main Exchange featuring activities for children including face painting. For information, call Hwang Ung-sung at 768-6115.

**April 2** – Camp Carroll Child and Youth Services hosts the Month of the Military Child Family Fun Day 10 a.m. at Child and Youth Services, Building S-998 on Camp Carroll. Activities for children are planned along with a martial arts demonstration and static displays. For information, call Lloyd Buster at 765-8824.

**April 4** – Camp Hialeah Blue Ribbon Campaign Kick-off luncheon, 4 p.m. at Busan Pub featuring a free finger food buffet. For information, call Chong Ho-tae at 763-7416.

**April 8** – Camp Hialeah Family Advocacy Program hosts a child safety identification and fingerprinting session

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Camp Hialeah Child and Youth Services. For information, call Chong Ho-tae at 763-7416.

**April 9** – Area IV Family Advocacy Program hosts Family Bowling Day 1–4 p.m. at the Camp Walker Bowling Center. For information, call Jung Yun-sook at 768-8090.

**April 16** – Area IV Family Advocacy Program hosts Family Hiking Adventure to Pal-gong Mountain. The trip will leave 9:30 a.m. at Camp Walker Main Exchange and return around 4 p.m. The cost for adults is 8,500 won and for children 5th grade and younger is 4,500 won. An English speaking tour guide will be on hand. Sign up by April 13. To sign up or for information, call Kim Song-min at 768-7134 or 768-6115.

**April 16** – The Camp Hialeah community 5-kilometer fun run and walk, 9 a.m. The run and walk starts at the Camp Hialeah Fitness Center. For information, call Michael Lee at 763-7703.

**April 16** – Camp Hialeah Child and Youth Services is hosting the Month of the Military Child community pool party 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the community swimming pool. The event features a beach volleyball tournament, community barbecue and family games. For information, call Dean Moore at 763-3536.

**April 22** – Area IV Family Advocacy Program will hold a child safety identification and fingerprinting session 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Taegu American School on Camp George. For information, call Kim Song-min at 768-7134 or 768-6115.

**April 30** – Camp Hialeah Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting the Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child Grand Finale 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Youth Services baseball field and the community gazebo area. Planned activities include apple pie baking contest, hotdog eating contest, community barbeque, badminton tournament and baseball tournament. For information, call Dean Moore at 763-3536.

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Soccer Social Slated

The Daegu Area Soccer Club is hosting its “Spring Kick-Off” 1 p.m. April 16 at the Hilltop Club on Camp Walker. The Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer have provided videos for entertainment and a team-signed ball and posters, shirts and other items to be given away. All ID cardholders and guests are invited. Interested players will have the opportunity to learn about and sign-up for the club. For information, call Galen Putnam at 011-1716-0428.

Bass Fishing Tournament

A bass fishing tournament will be held April 16 in the Nam-ji area, about an hour south of Daegu toward Masan. It is open to the first 40 people to sign-up at the Camp Walker Community Activity Center. There is a \$20 registration fee and fishing equipment rental is available for a modest fee. For information, call the Camp Walker Community Activity Center at 764-4123.

College Fair Volunteers Needed

The Senior Girl Scouts will host a college fair 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. May 26 at Taegu American School. College alumni are needed to represent their school. If interested, send an e-mail to taegucollegefair@myway.com including name, school, and state where the school is by Thursday. For information, call The Senior Girl Scouts at 764-4085.

Camp Henry Theater Movie Showings

The Camp Henry Theater will be open Thursday nights and for Sunday matinees for a test period through May 29. For information, call Yi Hye-kyong at 768-8670.

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